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RLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth the 9th of 8^{md} 1746, The several monthly meetings thereto belonging being called, their Representitives present are

For
Rhod Island Thomas Gould & Tho^{s} Richardson
Greenwich, Robert Hall & Peleg Spenser.
Nantucket None
Smithfield John Hawkins & Benjamine Smith
Swansey James Anthony
South Kingston Thomas Rodman & Robert Knowls.
Dartmouth James Barker Jo^{s} Tucker & W^{m} Mosur

By Epistls from the severl monthly Meetings they Inform that their Meetings have been duly kept & y^{e} concerns of Discipline in a general way have been considred & carry-ed on in love & Condescention.

And whereas Dartmouth Monthly meeting desires this meetings determination how long a Husband must leve his Wife and she not hear of him, before she may be admited to Marry or whether ever in Gospel Order &c:

Which matter after som consideration is concluded not propper for this Meeting to determin.

The Monthly Meeting off South Kingston now sends the sum of £8:0:2 Collected towards building the Meeting hous at Swansey, Which Money is deliverd to James Anthony one of y^{e} undertakers. and

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs they have concluded to come to a Subscription for s^{d} Work but Smithfield monthly meeting desires at this time to be Excus'd, for that that they are yet considerably behind hand for Repareing their Old Meeting house.

Our friends Abraham Anthony James Anthony and Joseph Tucker are desird to Draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the meeting tomor-row and signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

At A Quarterly Meeting held in Newport on Rh^{d} Island the 8th of $\frac{11}{mo}$ 1746 The several monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called, their Representives are

For
Rhod Island Jacob Mott Tho^{s} Gould & Tho^{s} Richardson
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker & Adam Mott.
Greenwich None Present
Nantucket None Present
Smithfield none Present
Swansey James Luther
South Kingston Peter Davis & James Scriven

By the Epistles Recd from the monthly Meetings of Rhode Island, Dartmouth Swansey & South Kingston, They Inform That Their Meetings have been duly kept and the Concerns of Discipline carried on in a good degree of love and Condescention:

The Monthly of Dartmouth haveing collected the sum of fourteen Pounds towards building the Meeting hous in Swansey Sd Money is now deliverd to James Luther to be haded to the Committe for carrying on That Work.

Our ffriends Christopher Townsend Peter Davis and William Lake are desird to draw Epistles from this to each of the Monthly Meetings containing ye needfull matters as usual and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow

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At Our Quarterly meeting held In Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 9th of 12 mo 1747 The severa Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called Their Represen-titives present are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island Giles Slocum, Thos Gould & Jacob Mott
Dartmouth Jas. Barker, Adam Mott, & Peleg Smith
Greenwich Nathan Green & Caleb Cat Junr.
Nantucket None
Smithfield Samuel Thare
Swansey James Anthony Job Chase & Isa: Chase
South Kingston James Scriven & Peter Davis.

By Epistles Recd from the several monthly Meetings Except Nantucket, they inform in General That their Meetings have been duely kept, and their concerns of Discipline carried on in Love and Condescention And also Inform that The Visiters of Newport, Freetown & Westerly gave prety Acceptable Accounts of their Service

And from the Monthly meeting of Greenwich we now Receive their Epistle which should have come to our last Quarterly Meeting whereby they inform That their Visiters had Visited the greatest part of friends famelys under their care and found things for the most part prety well and also inform That they had concluded not to Collect any more money at present towards Build the Meeting hous at Swansey.

The monthly meeting of Dartmouth proposes to the Consideraton of this Meeting whether it may not be of service to have a Meeting of Ministers & Elders to be held at Aponaganset on the 2d day of the week following their Yearly meeting, Which matter is Refer'd to the Nex Yearly Meeting's Determenation.

ffrom the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich the Sufferings of Rufus Green was Presented Valve £2: 1: 4 which is deliverd to Saml Easton to be Recorded.

This Meeting being Touched with Concern on Account of Too great slackness that Appears among friends in Attending Our Week-days Meetings, It is desird the several Monthly Meetings may Renew their care to prevent the same for the future.

Our friends William Anthony, Clark Rodman, John Tucker, Nathaniel Green, John Potter, Elihu Coleman, Moses Aldreeh, Benjamin Smith, Benja Buffinton, & Peter Davis Are desird to Attend Our Next Yearly Meeting as Representatives from this Meeting & to present the business by Epistle as Usual.

Our friends Giles Slocum & Peleg Smith of Dartmouth are desird to draw Epistles from this to the several monthly Meetings as Usual & bring them to the meeting tomorrow and also sign them in behalf of this Meeting.

At A Quarterly Meeting held in Newport on Rhode Island the 9th of 5th mo 1747 the several Monthly Meetings there to belonging being called their Representatives present Are

For
Rhode Island Clark Rodman Thos Gould & Thos Richardson
Dartmouth, Jos Russel Thos Smith, & Adam Mott.
Greenwich Nathanl Green & John Green of Potowomet
Nantucket Elihue Coleman
Smithfield John Hawkins
Swansey Isaac Chase
South Kingston Thos Rodman & Jno Collins Junr

By The Accounts Recd from each of the monthly Meetings They inform That their Meetings for the last quarter have been kept up & that the concerns of Discipline in general have been managed in a good degree of Love

By the Epistle from Dartmouth they Inform that a differance had happned between David Akins of Oblong and William Ricketson in which a Judgment had been given by the sd Monthly meeting, but sd Ricketson being not satesfied therewith Appeald to this Meeting and being Accepted here, In order to determin and settle sd Matter this Meeting nomenates & appoints our friends Oliver Earl, John Green of Potowomt & Joseph Brownel to hear & determin the same & make return to this meeting Two of them agreeing to be a Judgment.

By the Epistle from Swansey monthly Meeting they Inform That they had Built & finished their Meeting hous, That the cost thereof was £759:19, That they had Collected all ye Money Subscribed for that work and that they yet lack the Sum of £209:8:0 old Tenor to defray the Charge thereof, This this Meeting takeing the same into Consideration doth advise the sd Monthly Meeting That they Make a farder Collection for that for That service among themselves and return an Account thereof to Our next Quarterly Meeting.

We Receiv'd an Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island which contains a most cumfortable Account thereof & of Love & Vunity being in a general way preserv'd among ffriends: What from Sd. Meeting we have farder to recommend to the several monthly Meetings is as ffolloweth

It
1. That a Meeting of Ministers & Elders was Setled at Aponaganset, to be held on y^e 2d day of the week next after their Yearly Meeting at Dartmouth, and that the Ministers meeting which used to be held on the first day of the week do ceas.

2 It Represents the Neceſsitus Circumstances of an Antient Woman friend belonging to the monthly meeting of Pembrook, who was concluded to be an Object of ffriends Charity & as such recommended her to the notice of ffriends & desir'd that what may be collected for her may be sent as soon as conveniency will admit to the hands of Matthew Estes to be dispos'd of by the approbaton of their monthly Meeting.

3 That ffriends be carefull to Collect & bring in their Accounts of Sufferings according to former advice.

Our ffriends Timothy Waterhous, William Lake & Joseph Proud are desir'd to write Epistles from this to the Several monthy Meetings containing the needfull matters & bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting ~~tomorrow~~ [illegible]

Certificates of the Acceptable Service of our well Esteemed ffrds were signed in this Meeting Vizt.

One for John Griffiths directed to the monthy Meeting of Darby;

One for David Farice directed to the Monthly Meeting of Kennit both of Pensylvania. and

One for Jacob Andrews directed to the Monthly Meeting of Chesterfield in West new Jarsey.

This Meeting is Adjourn'd until Tomorrow after the Meeting of Ministers & Elders.

ffriends being Mett on the 10th day proceed to Busineſs

The Committe appointed to determin y^e Differance brought by appeal from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting between David Akins of Oblong & William Ricketson Jun^r being call'd make Return as followeth.

We the Subscribers being Appointed by the Quarterly Meeting of ffriends at Newport on Rhode Island of y^e 9th day of y^e 5th mo 1747 to hear and determin in a Case of differance between David Akins of Oblong & William Ricketson Jun^r of Dartmouth being brought by way of Appeal from the Monthly Meeting of ffriends in Dartmouth We haveing mett in Newport and heard the Evidences & their Allegations on both sides & weightily considred the same Do Give it as Our Judgment & do Determin that the Judgment of the Sd Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth

Ought to Be and is Reversed as Witneſs Our hands
this 9th Day of the 5th mo 1747 { Joseph Brownell
Oliver Earl
John Green ofprs
Which is Accepted by this Meeting
from which Judgment Isaac Howland in the behalf
of David Akin desird an appeal to Our Next Yearly
Meeting which Request is Granted.

At a Quarterly Meeting held In Portsmouth on Rhode Island
the 8th of 8th mo 1747, The Several monthly Meetings thereto
belonging being called Their Repreſentitives preſent are

For { Rhode Island, Giles Slocum, Thos Gould & Christo Townsend
Dartmouth James Barker, Abram Tucker & Joseph Tucker
Greenwich Robt. Hall & Nathaniel Green
Nantucket } none
Smithfield }
Swansey Oliver Earl
South Kingston John Collins & Stephn Richmond

This Meeting Recd. Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings except Smithfield which generally Informs That their Meetings are kept up and the Affairs of Discipline considered & carried on in love & Condescention, but No Account of Visiting friends ffamelys Except at Accokesett.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island informs that they have Sent to Matthew Estes of Pembrook Twenty ffive
£25--0--0 Pounds and the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich Informs
10--1-- that they have Collected Ten Pounds & One Shilling, both for the relief of the Woman friend recommended in ye Epistle from Our Last Yearly Meeting, the Other Monthly Meetings do not manifest that they have done anything in that respect as yet, They are therefore desird to reconsider that matter & make return of their conclusions to the next Quarterly Meeting.

The monthly Meeting of Swansey Informs That They have According to the Request of Last Quarterly meeting made a new Collection and Raisd the Sum of £41:10:6 towards discharging the Cost of their Meeting house, and that there Remains yet £167.18.– to be Raisd to discharge the Same; It is therefore Recommended to the several Monthly Meetings to consider what they can contribute farder thereto and Make return thereof to Our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our friends Giles Slocum & Christopher Townsend are desir'd to write Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needful & bring them to the Meeting to Morrow as Usual & also Signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

At a Quarterly Meeting hend at Newport on Rhode Island the 7th of 11 mo 1747, The several Monthly Meetings belonging thereto being called their Representitives are viz^t.

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott, Abraham Anthony, James Easton & Thomas Gould.
Dartmouth, Jonathan Wood & Stephen Wilcoaks
Greenwich, Robert Hall
Nantucket None
Smithfield None
Swansey James Luther.
South Kingston, James Scriven & Thomas Rodman.

By the Epistles Rec. from each of the Monthly Meetings (Except Nantucket & Smithfield) They Inform That their Meetings are kept up & their concerns of Discipline carried on for the most part in love and Condescention.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island Informs that they have concluded to give One hundred Pounds towards finishing Friends Meeting house at Swansey, The other Monthly Meetings which have sent Epistles to this Meeting do thereby inform that they do not see cause at least for the present to Contribute thereto, Nevertheless sine the Sum wanted is Reduced so small as to £67:18.– it is hoped they may On farder consideration lend their Assistance to discharge the same.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs they have Collected som Money ready to be sent to Matthew Eastes for the Poor friend there, & the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston Informs they have Collected Three Pounds Eleven Shillings for that purpose.

Our friends John James Jonathan Bennett & William Lake are desir'd to write Epistles from this to the Several Monthly Meetings as usual & bring them to the Meeting tomorrow.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 7th of 2d m. 1748, The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being call'd their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island, Thos. Gould, Giles Slocum & Thos. Richardson
Dartmouth, Nathaniel Potter & James Barker
Greenwich, Nathanl. Green & John Gree of Potowmt.
Nantucket, none presen nor no account
Smithfield, Samuel Thayer
Swansey, Philip Chase & James Antony
South Kingstown Thos. Rodman & John Collins Jur.

By Epistles Received from each of Our Monthly Meetings

Except Nantucket They Inform that their Meetings have been duly kept & their concerns in a general way carried on & manaig'd in a good degree of love & condescention.

The Monthly meetings of Greenwich Swansey & South Kingstown informs That their Visiters had made som progress in yt service and found things in several places prety well & where Otherwise had used endevours for amendment.

The Monthly of Greenwich sends the Sum of Ten pounds towards finishing Friends Meeting house at Swansey, which money is now deliver'd to James Anthony for that service.

And the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield informs That they have sent the Sum of Seven Pounds to Matthew Estes of Pembrook towards the releif of the Poor Woman friend There.

And the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston also informs they have collected more being forty & three Shillings for the sd Poor Woman friend which is delivered to the care of Thomas Rodman.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth informs That a Differance haveing hapned between Humphry Wady & George White Their sd Monthly Meeting had given a Judgment between them from which Judgment both partys appeald to this Meeting which being Accepted, in Order to finish & fully settle the matter Our Friends Samuel Thayer Joseph Whipple, Thomas Gould, Philip Chase & John Green of Acowomet are appointed a Committe to hear consider and determine the same and make return to this Meeting, The major Number of em agreeing to be a Judgment.

Whereas the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield informs that they have been at considerable charges in Repareing the meeting Houses under their Care and desires Som releif from this meeting That Matter is referd to our Next quarterly meeting.

The friends Nominated & appointed as Representitives from this Meeting to Our Next Yearly Meeting are William Anthony Giles Slocum Jacob Mott John Green of Polowom John Howland James Barker Elihu Coleman, Moses Aldrech James Anthony & John Collins Junr.

Our friends Abraham Anthony John Collins Junr & James Anthony are desir'd to write Epistles to the several Monthly meetings containing the needfull from this meeting & bring them to the meeting tomorrow as usual.

This Meeting is Adjourn'd unto tomorrow at the breaking up of the Meeting of Ministers.

The Meeting being geathd

The Meeting being geatherd on the 8th day according to Adjournment The Committe appointed to determin the case of appeal between Humphry Wady & George White was calld who make the following Return vizt.

We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee by the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island held ye 7th of 2d mo 1748 to hear & Determine a Case of an Appeal made by George White & Humphry Wady from Dartmouth Monthly meeting relateing to a controvercy between the partyes Respecting an Account between them of som Cheese which sd Whight freighted to Boston by Humphry Wady & sd Wadys factor Nicholas Delavgne not Rendering a satesfactory account thereof Therefore after hearing the alligations on both sides & Matturely considering thereof It is Our Judgment & Determination after Allowing for freight & Commissions & westage of sd Cheese as also for som Expences so that upon the whole That Humphry Wady Pay to the sd George White the Sum of Sixty four Pounds two Shillings & Ten pence And it is Our Judgment also that propper discharges be given at the Receipt of sd Sum.

Samuel Thayer
Thos Gould
Philip Chase
John Green of P.tt.

Which Return is accepted by this Meeting and also by the Partyes concernd

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At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport on & for Rhode Island the 7th of 5mo 1748.

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are vizt

For
Rhode Island Giles Slocum, Christopher Townsend Jacob Mott and Thomas Gould
Dartmouth Stephen Willcocks & Jona Wood.
Greenwich John Green of Potwom.
Nantucket None present
Swansey Stephen Chase
South Kingston John Collins Jund.

Forasmuch as no Representitive is present from Sithfeild Monthly meeting their Request to the last Monthly Meeting for Money to defray their Charges of Repareing their Meeting houses &c is Refered to Our Next Quarterly Meeting.

By Epistles Recd

By Episles Rec: from each of the Quarterly Meetings Except Smithfield they inform in general that their meetings are kept up & their discipline caried on for the most part in a good degree of Love & Satisfaction.

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston Informs That they have laid out all the Money that was collected for the building their upper Meeting House, and by the Information of their Representitive they yet lack about Eighty Pounds towards finishing the same.

It is therefore desired that each of Our Monthly Meetings may Collect a proportionable Sum of Money to be handed up to our Next quarterly meeting for that Service.

We Rec: the Epistle to This Meeting from Our last Yearly Meeting on Rhode Island which contains som Cumfortable Accounts thereof and they Also Observe too great Neglect of friends collecting and sending in their Accounts of Sufferings according to former Direction & the desire of both Yearly & Quarterly Meetings, and also and also in not Visiting ffriends ffamelys according to the well approved & Established Order. and desires friends may renew their care and Diligene in those Respects.

Our friends Jonathan Bennett, Joseph Proud & Saml Easton are desired to draw An Epistle from this to each of the Monthly Meetings contain the needfull Matters & bring them to the Meeting to-morrow to be sign'd as Usual.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Dartsmouth for Rhode Island the 13th of 8 mo 1748, The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are Viz:t

for
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony, Peter Barker James Mitchel and Thomas Gould.
Darmouth Joseph Tucker and Adam Mott.
Greenwich Robert Hall & John Green of Potwt
Nantucket None present
Smithfield Saml Thare
Swansey Oliver Earl & Stephen Chase
South Kingston Robert Knowles & James Servin

By an Epistle Recd from each of the Monthly Meetings They Inform in general That their Meetings have been kept up & Their concerns of Discipline for the most part carried on in a good degree of Love and Unanimity. The Monthly Meetings of Darmouth and Nantucket gives som account of their Visiters Service which is Acceptable. The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island Informs That They have prepared for finishing the upper Meeting hous In South Kingstown the Sum of - - - - - £40:00:0

The Summe of	£40:0:3
the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth have sent up ffor that Service the Sum of	12:3:0
The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston	3:12:–
The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich	15:–:6
All which is Orderd in to ye Hands of Robt Knowles	£70:12:6

By the Epistle from Swansey they Inform That Isaac Chase hath Appeald from a Judgment of their Monthly Meeting which had been given between him the Said Isaac Chase and Eber Chase And this Meeting takeing Cognizance thereof In order to Settle and ffinish the Said differance doth Appoint Our ffriends Peter Barker Joseph Tucker, Robert Hall Saml Thare & James Mitchel to hear the Said Matter & Determin the same and make Return to this Meeting, The Major part agreeing to be a Judgment.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield now renews their Request for Releif towards defraying their Charges in Repareing their Meeting Houses &c but have not Inform'd what the sd Charges are nor what they have contributed thereto, They are therefore desird to give an Acco.tt thereof to Our Next Quarterly Meeting.

Our ffriends Giles Slocum & Peleg Smith are desird to draw Epistles from this to the Several Monthly Meetings containing the needfull Matters as usual and sign them in behalf of this Meeting.

This Meeting is Adjourn'd unto Tomorrow after the Meeting of Ministers is ended.

The 14th day. The Meeting geathered According to Adjournment and Proseed to Business.

The ffriends Appointed to Hear & determin concerning the Appeal of Isaac Chase from the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Swansey Makes Return and their Judgment Is That the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting be Still Confirms, Which is as followeth

Whereas wee the Subscribers hereunder named Were Appointed at the Monthly Meeting of ffriends held at Swansey the 1st of 6mo 1748 To hear & determin the Differance between Isaac Chase & Eber Chase and we haveing heard their Alligations & Evidances, Our Judgment is That said Isaac Chase Shall Deliver to Eber Chase Twenty four Cord & three quarters of Good Merchantable Cord Wood at the Landing Place of the Said Isaac Chase in Labour in Vain Creek forthwith and to pay Said Eber Chase the Sum of Ten Pounds old Tenor as Damage for detaining the Said Wood from Said Eber Chase contrary to Contract.

Given under Our hands this 2d of ye 6th mo 1748

Paul Osborn
Theophilus Shove } Committ.
Philip Chase

At a Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island &c. the 12th of 11th mo 1748. the Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging were called and their Representitives are as followeth viz.t

For { Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Thos Richardson, Christopher
Townsend Saml Collins & Thomas Gould
Dartmouth, Nathaniel Potter & Adam Mott
Greenwich
Nantucket } none present nor no Accounts
Smithfield
Swansey Philip Chase
South Kingston James Trevin

The Season haveing been Exceeding cold for som days past has as we Apprehend prevented Sundry ffriends from comeing to this meeting, so yt we have no Epistles from several of the Monthly Meetings, and that of Smithfeild haveing not made the Return of their Charges as was desir'd by Our last Quarterly Meeting; that Matter is Referd to Our next Quarterly meeting.

By the Epistles Receiv'd from the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island, Dartmouth, Swansey & South-Kingston they inform in the general that their Meetings have been kept up and the concerns of Discipline for the most part carried on in love & Condesention and South Kingston also Informs that the Visiters of Westerly had made a prety general Visit to ffriends under their care and founds things in the general prety well, and had us'd Endevours for Amendment where it was Otherwise.

Our ffriends Joseph Proud, Willm Lake & Timothy Waterhous are desir'd to write Epistles to the several Monthly meetings Recommending the needfull as usual & bring them to the Meeting tomorrow.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 13th of 2d mo 1749. The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging, being called, their Representitives are Vizt

For Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Christopher Townsend and Thomas Gould.
Dartmouth, James Barker Stephen Willcocks and Adam Mott.
Greenwich Nathaniel Green.
Nantucket None
Smithfield John Cass & Mosese Aldrech
Swansey James Luther & Stephn Chase
South Kingston Thos Rodman & Jno Collins

By Epistles from each of the Monthly Meetings they in General Inform That meetings are kept up & the concerns of Discipline for the most part carried on in a good degree of love & Condescention, And that the Visiters of Apponaganset, Shantecut & South Kingstown had made som prograce in the service of visiting friends famelys, but no acctt of that service from any of the other Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich Informs That though Heleg had brought a complaint against John Green of Potowomet, That a Committee of the sd Monthly Meeting had heard and given a Judgment concerning ye Same, from wch Judgment the Said Hele had appealed to this Meeting, which is Receivd, And in Order to settle and finish the Matter Our friends Abraham Anthony James Barker James Luther John Collins & John Cass are appointed a Committee to hear and determin the same the Major part of them agreeing to be a Judgment.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield now Informs That they have been at More than £200 Charges on one of their five Meeting-Houses and considerable on others of them, and that yet £50- Pounds is wanted to pay ye said charge; which is Recommended down to the several Monthly Meetings Smithfield Excepted That they may contribute in their ffreedom towards the Same, and make return thereof to to our Next Quarterly Meeting;

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey Informs That they yet lack about £70-- to finish their new Meeting house, and desire the Assistance of this Meeting to Rais said Sum, Which being considred and that they lately had the Assistance of One hundred Pounds from Rhode Island, is concluded the said £70-- may be easily raisd among them selves if they According to their several abillityes were to come into a free & Libral contribution or Collection which seemeth to us but a reasonable duty for all who make profession with us.

Our ffriends Christopher Townsend & Nathaniel Green are desir'd to draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly meetings as usual, and bring them to the meeting tomorrow and also sign them in behalf of this Meeting.

ffriends Appointed as Representitives to the Yearly Meeting are Moses Aldreech, William Anthony Giles Slocum Adam Mott, James Easton, James Green of Potow:t Elihu Coleman, Stephen Chase, James Luthar Joseph Hull & Thomas Rodman, who are desir'd to Represent the needfull matters from this Meeting by Epistle as Usual.

This Meeting is Adjourn'd unto Tomorrow after the Ministers Meeting is ended.

ffriends being Mett According to Adjournment.

The Committe Appointed to hear the Appeal of Jos.t Heley brought in their Judgment, which is as ffolloweth.

We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee by the Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth ye 13th of 2 mo 1749 to hear and determin a Differance brought by an Appeal from Greenwich Monthly Meeting Between Joseph Heley & John Green of Potawomet, After haveing fully Considred the case do give it as Our Judgment they had no right to an Appeal for that Both partyes had agreed to leve the whole matter to the former Committee to Settle, as appears by the Judgment given under their hands which Our Advice is that they set down By.

James Luther
John Collins Jund.
Abraham Anthony
James Barker
John Cass

At Our Quarterly Meeting held at Newport the 13th of 5 mo 1749 The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called, their Representitives are viz:t

For

Rhode Island Giles Slocum, Jacob Mott, Christopher Townsend and Thomas Gould.
Dartmouth non present nor No Epistle
Greenwich Joseph Edmonds James Green & John Green of Potowomet.
Nantucket None present
Swansey Job Chase Elisha Chase & Stepn Chase
South Kingston Thos. Rodman & Jno. Collins Jund.

By Epistle from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting they Inform that their meetings have been duly kept and the affairs thereof carried on in a good degree of Love & Condescention. According to the request of last quarterly Meeting they have contributed Twenty five Pounds for Smithfield Monthly Meeting £25 - - -

By Epistle from Greenwich they Inform that their meetings have been duely kept & the affairs carried on in a good degree of Love & Condescention, they likewise have sent the sum of Six Pounds* fifteen Shillings, which with the money yt came from Rhode Island is in the hands of Saml Easton ready when they call for it.

* for Smithfield meeting -

By Epistle from Nantucket they Inform that their Meetings have been duly kept & the affairs thereof carried on in a good degree of love & Condescention but make no mention of the Request of last Quarterly Meeting for Smithfield Monthly Meeting, nor of their Receiving the Epistle; in which case we desire they may be more carefull for the future, to make som return.

By Epistles from Swansey and South Kingstown they Inform that their Meetings have been duely kept up & the affairs thereof managed in a good degree of Love & Condescention, and Concerning the Request of the Quarterly Meeting for Smithfield Monthly Meeting they are under difficulty among them selves respecting Charges & desire to be Excused.

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting was read giving an account that they had Recd Epistles from the several Quarterly Meetings which were to satisfaction, They also Manifest a concern and desire that friends may be carefull to keep up the practise of Visiting friends famelys. And are glad to understand That service has gaind Acceptance, and also hope Their wise conduct & deportment as well as grave & Seasonable admonitions may carry an evidance of Christian Love with them.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of friend at Pensylvania and Long Island contain Cumfortable Accounts of the Increas of love & Prosperity of Truth among them

15. They Also Recd Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Our friends held in London Anno 1748 Containing Tender advice Brotherly Exhortations & wise admonitions which are Recommended to ye Notice of All friends.

Our friend Peleg Smith who was by ye Yearly Meeting in 1748 desird to Assist the friends formerly Appointed to Solicite on behalf of Suffering friends Presented his Account of Charges thereon, being £27..2..6 which is Accepted and forasmuch as this Meeting has no money Now in Stock to pay the same, The friends of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting hath undertaken to lend Said Sum, and in order to re pay the same & to provide a stock in the Yearly Meeting to defray such Necessary Charges for the future it is agreed that the Sum of one hundred Pounds Old Tenor be Collected by the several Quarterly meetings in the proportion following & to be brought up to our next Yearly Meeting to be held at Rhode Island Vizt

The Quarterly Meeting of Rhod Island ye Sum of	£66.13.4
The Quarterly Meeting of Salem ye Sum of	20..–..–
The Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich - -	13..6..8
	£100..–..–

N B the Proportioning of ye £66..13.4 to our several Monthly Meetings is Referd to our next Quarterly meeting.

It being Represented to our sd Yearly Meeting That Our friend Philip Rosoel of Salsbury had his house with most of his furniture therein consum'd by fire about the 8th month last & his loss thereby being very Great the consideration was tenderly Recommended to the several Quarterly and monthly Meetings, in Order that they may in their freedom Extend Charity & contribute towards his relief & it is desird that what shall therefore be collected may be convey'd to the hands of Our friend Benja Bagnall of Boston.

The friends Appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings recommending the needfull matters are John Wanton Joseph Proud and James Easton and to bring them to the Meeting to morrow.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 12 day of 8th mo 1749
The several Monthly Meetings belonging thereto being called their Representatives are as followeth

For
Rhode Island, John Proud, Christo Townsend
Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony & Jno Wanton
Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker. Abraham Tucker
and James Barker.
Greenwich John Green & Jno Green of Poti Womet
Nantucket } none Present nor No Epistle
Smithfield }
Swansey Job Chase,
South Kingston Solomon Hoxey & John Collins Junr

By Epistles from each of the monthly Meetings (Smithfield & Nantuckel Excepted) they Inform in general That their Meetings have been duely kept & their discipline for the most part carried on in some good degree of Love & Unity. ~~for the most part~~.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island Inform, That, they have sent to the care of Benja Bagnall for the Releif of Philip Rowel the Sum of - - £100:00:0
And the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich Inform they have sent for the sam Service - - . 30:–:–
and South Kingston Mo Meeting hath also Collected for that Service the Sum of 8:1:–

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket hath now sent to this Meeting the Sum of five Pounds for the Repareing of Smithfield Meeting houses, which £5. is Deliverd ~~to~~ Samuel Easton.

It being agreed at the last Yearly meeting that This Quarterly Meetings Proportion of a Collection towards a Yearly Meeting Stock Should be £66:13:4 and that Matter being Refer'd from Our last Quarterly Meeting to this to be divided to the Several Monthly Meetings it is Accordingly now done as followeth Vizt

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island to Collect - -	£33:13:4
The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth ye Sum of	8:10:–
Nantucket - - - - - -	8:–:–
Smithfield - - - - - -	4:–:–
Swansey - - - - - -	4:–:–
Greenwich - - - - - -	5:10:–
South Kingston -	3:–:–
	£66:13:4

Which Money. It is desir'd may be brought to Our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our Friends Abraham Anthony John Green & sd Wm. and Stephen Hoxsey are desir'd to draw Epistles from this to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the needfull concerns and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow as Usual.

At our Quarterly meeting held in Newport the 11th of 11th mo. 1749 The several Meetings belonging thereto being called Their Representitives are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Christopher Townsend & Timothy Waterhouse
Dartmouth
Greenwich
Nantuckitt
Smithfield
Swansey } None
South Kingstown Peter Davis

By Epistles from the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island and Nantucket & South Kingston We are Inform that their Meetings for the last Quarter have been kept up & the concerns thereof considred & carried on in a good degree of Love.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island also Informs that they have directed their Treasurer Samuel Easton to pay the £33:13:4 desired for a yearly Meeting Stock when it may be called for and the Monthly meeting of Nantucket hath now sent the £8:–:– desir'd of them for the same service which is deliver'd to Saml. Easton & the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston Informs they purposes to have the £2:–:– desir'd of them in readiness at Our Next Yearly meeting.

Our Friends Samuel Easton & Joseph Proude are desired to draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings containing the Needfull Matters and bring and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow to be Sign'd in behalf of this Meeting

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth the 12th of 2d mo 1750 the several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their representitivers are as followeth.

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony Samuel Easton and Thomas Gould.
Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker Henry Tucker and Jonathan Wood.
Greenwich, John Hawkins Robert Hall and John Green of Potowomt.
Nantucket, & Smithfield, None
Swansey Job Chase & James Luther
South Kingston Thos Rodman & Jno. Collins junr:

By Epistles from each of the Monthly Meetings Except from Smithfield & Nantucket they in general Inform that their Meetings are kept up & that a good degree of Love & Unity is preserv'd among friends and by their accounts concerning Visiting they inform that the Visiters of Newport, Aponaguset, Greenwich Swansey and Westerly have made a good progrece therein and rendred prety Acceptable Accounts, but the Visiters of the Other Meetings give no Account, It is therefore hope it is therefore Hoped they may be more carefull & concernd for the future.

The Monthly meeting of Dartmouth hath now sent up for the yearly Meeting Stock the Sum of - - - £8" 10" –
the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich for the Same 5" 10" –
Swansey for the Same - - - - - - - - - - 4" – " –
and South Kingston for the Same - - - - - £3" – " –
all which is delivered to Samuel Easton £21" – " –

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs that four of their friends Vizt Barnebas Howland Othniel Tripp Seth Shearman & Wm Mosher had each Sufferd Twelve month Imprisonment partly in A.D. 1748 & partly in A.D. 1749 being Imprest for Solders & Refuseing to goe, and the Monthly meeting of Swansey also Informs that two of their friends were Impressed for Soldirs & Refuseing to serve were also kept Prisoners for the Space of Twelve months but through the Clemency of the high Sheriff Silvester Richmond they were all much favourd and had considerable liberty, which accounts are Ordred to goe to the Yearly Meeting Insuing Our Friends

19 Our friends Christopher Townsend and Jacob Mott Jun^{r} are desired to draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly meetings, bring them to the Meeting tomorrow & sign them on behalf of this Meeting

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At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport on Rhode Island the 12th of 5th m^{o} 1750

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are Viz^{t}.

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott Christopher Townsend Tho^{s} Richardson & Tho^{s} Gould,
Dartmouth Henry Tucker & Nathan^{l} Potter.
Greenwich John Green of Pot. w^{t} & Nathan^{l} Green
Nantucket None present nor no account
Smithfield Sam^{ll} Shore & Thomas Smith
Swansey Job Chase & Elisha Chase.
South Kingston John Collins Jun^{r}.

By Epistles Receiv'd from each of the monthly Meetings except Nantucket they in general Inform That their meetings have been kept up & their Discipline caried on in Love & Condescention.

The monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs That their meeting Hath had some debate on this question Viz^{t}. whether any Acknowledgment may be Accepted from first Cousins when married so as to Receive them into Unity again, And referd the matter to this meeting for Answer. On consideration it is agreed That upon sinscre Repentance & Acknowledgment they may.

A Certificate on behalf of our well Esteemed Friend Anne Schoolfield Dated from the monthly Meeting of Buckingham in the County of Bucks as also a Certificate on behalf of Our well esteemed friend Lidia Mendenhall from the monthly Meeting of Concord in Chester County both of Pensylvania & Dated the 4th of 4th m^{o} 1750 being Read in this Meeting — were to satisfaction.

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston Represents the Necessity of an Other Meeting house to be built between Westerly Lower Meeting house & South Kingstoon Meeting house It is therefore agreed That Our friends Abraham Anthony, Sam^{l}. Clarke & John Green of Potow^{t} be a be a Committee to inspect into the Necessity thereof and if they find it needfull then to determin on the place where it should Stand and make Return accordingly

An Epistle from Our last Yearly meeting held in Rhode Island was read in this Meeting giveing a very Cumfortable Account thereof & in perticuler Recommends to friends notice and care Viz^t.

1 a more general concern to perform that usefull Service of Visiting friends ffamelys according to former advices.

2 That the sober and well Inclin'd youth among us may be encourag'd to Attend our Meetings for Disciplene that so they may come up in the places of the elders & become serviceable in their days.

3 That friends do not neglect that Antient practice of Readin the Minuits in Youth Meetings as well as at Other convenient times.

4 It was concluded That the Printing of Rob^t. Barclays Chatechisms will be of Service & is therefore Recommended to friends consideration and to Return an Account to the Next Yearly Meeting what Number Each Quarterly Meeting will take, their Cost Stilekt for 500 is about 8/6 ffs & for 1000 about 7/ ffs.

The Printed general Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of Our friends held in London in A D. 1749 as also a perticuler written Epistle signed at the Meeting for Sufferings the 15^th of 7 m^d last were Read & the contents of the Printed are recommended to the Notice of friends and for that end it is desired they May be at Seasonable times Read in Our Publick firs days meetings.

Our friends Samuel Easton Timothy Waterhouse and John Easton are desired to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull & bring them to the Meeting to Morrow as Usual.

21 At Our Quarterly meeting held in Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 11th of 8mo. 1750, The several monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony and Thomas Richardson
Dartmouth Abraham Tucker, Joseph Tucker and Adam Mott
Greenwich Nathaniell Green & John Green of Potowomt.
Nantucket None present by appointment
Smithfield Seth Aldrech & Hezekiah Smith
Swansey Philip Chase & James Luther
South Kingston Lott Trip & John Collins Jund.

John Green of Potowomt. and Abre. Anthony Two of the Committee appointed to Inspect into the Necessity of building another Meeting house between the lower Meeting hous in Westerly & the Meeting house at South Kingston Make the following Report Vizt.

According to the Request of the last Quarterly Meeting We the Subscribers have been to Enquire into the Need of a Meeting house being built between the lower Meeting house in Westerly and the Meeting house at South Kingston And we think it needfull for a House to be built And after we had heard their Proposals & had Viewed the several places in Nomination we have agreed in Our Judgments th:t the house be Built at the Eastermos place propos'd below the hill on the North side of the Roade in James Perrys Land near Oposite to Robert Knowles his house standing on the lower side of the Roade.

John Green of Potowom
Abraham Anthony

Which is Accepted by this Meeting, And it is desir'd that the monthly Meeting of South Kingston do consider the propper Dimentions of Said House, together with the Cost thereof and also what they can raise thereof among them selves and Make return accordingly to Our next Quarterly Meeting.

By Epistles from each of the monthly Meetings they in General Inform That their Meetings are kept up and their Disypline carried on in love & Condescention. That the Visiters of South-Kingston had made a prety general Visit to friends under their care & found things in som places Indifferant well & had labour'd for amendment where it was not so And Sinc we have

No acct.

Account now of that service from other meetings. it is desir'd that ffriends renew their care in that Respect.

Whereas the several monthly Meetings have not Returnd their conclutions how many of R Barclays Chatachisems they will take, it is desir'd that they may not fail to doe it to our Next quarterly Meeting.

Our ffriends Abraham Anthony James Luther and John Collins Jun^r. are desir'd to dray Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings as usual & bring them to the Meeting tomorrow & also signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport on Rhode Island the 10^th of 11/mo 1750.

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being call'd their Representitiveves are

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott, Christo^r Townsend James Mitchel & Thomas Gould.
Dartmouth, Adam Mott & Joseph Tucker
Grinwich
Nantucket } none preset
Smithfield
Swansew Oliver Earl & Dan^l Baker
South Kingstown Peter Davis James Screvin and Lott Frip.

By Epistles from the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth Swansey & South Kingston they Inform That their Meetings for the last quarter have been duely kept up, and the concerns of Discipline carried on in love and Condescention.

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston in answer to the desires of the last Quarterly Meeting Makes Return That they have concluded the Demenstions of the Meeting house to be Built may be 32 feet in Length 24 feet in breadth and Nine feet & half Post, that the Cost thereof may be £750 Pounds and that the Subscription among them selves towards the Same amounts to £367:10 - so that the Sum of £382:10 - will be wanted to compleat said work

It is therefore Recommended to the Consideration of the several Monthly meeting to see what each of them can contribute thereto, of which they are desird to make Return to our Next quarterly meeting.
The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston also Informs that they conclude to take 50 of R. Barclays Chatechism the Other Monthly meetings have deferd the conclution how many they tok untill the Nex Quarterly Meeting which they are desird not to fail of doeing.
Our friends Timothy Waterhouse Joseph Proud & John Easton are desird to draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings containing the needfull and bring them to the meeting tomorrow as usuall.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held In Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 11th of 2d mo 1751, The several Monthly meetings thereto belong being called their Representitives are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Tifson
Peter Barker & Thomas Gould.
Dartmoth Stephen Willcocks
Greenwich Silas Carpenter & Nathanl Green
Nantucket None present nor no Account
Smithfield None by Appointmt nor no Account
Swansey Job Chase & James Luther.
South Kingston Thos Rodman & John Collins Junr.

By Epistles Receivd from the Monthly meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth Greenwich Swansey & South Kingston They inform That their meetings have been kept up & their concerns of Discipline generally considered & carried on in a good degree of love & Condescention,
Dartmouth Informs that the Visiters of Aponaganset had given a prety good Account of their service, but no Account from Acushnet.
Greenwich Informs That their Visitors had made a prety general Visit to friends family under their care & had returnd a prety good Account.
South Kingston also informs That their Visiters & the Visiters of Westerly gave an acceptable Accot: of their Service.
Rhode Island Monthly meeting informs that they conclude to take 500 of Barclays Chatechisms. Dartmoth

Dartmouth will take 100, Greenwich 89 Swansey 36 and South Kingston 20 more which Makes 70 for their monthly Meeting.

As to the Collection desir'd towards building a Meetinghous at South Kingston the monthly meeting of Rhode Island Informs they have Order'd One hundred Pounds [illegible] to be given when called for.

Dartmouth hath Collected and sent up £13:1:– which is deliverd to Thomas Rodman.

Greenwich Informs they have Subscrib'd £38:–:–

Swansey have not yet Subscrib'd any thing and desires to be Excus'd, being yet in debt for their Own.

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich Proposes & desires That That monthly Meeting with Smithfield & South Kingston, Monthly Meetings be set off to be a quarterly Meeting & to be held at East Greenwich But as those Monthly Meetings of Sithfield & South Kingstown have not signified their Minds in that matter, It is agreed That proposal be sent down to all the Monthly meetings for their consideration and their Answer to be returnd to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Whereas the Monthly meeting of Swansey sent a Paper of Condemnation given by Ebenezer Chase & desir'd this meetings advice thereupon, which being Viewed by a Committee of this meeting it was thought most propper to be returnd back to that monthly Meeting and not to act thereupon here in the manner it is now brought.

Our friends Jacob Mott, Christopher Townsend & Nathl Green are desir'd to draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings as Usual and bring them to the meeting to Morrow and Sign them on behalf of this meeting.

Friends Appointed to Attend the Insueing Yearly meeting are William Anthony James Easton Jacob Mott Joseph Tucker John Green of Potowomut, Nathanl Coleman, John Smith, James Luther & Solomon Hoxsey who are to draw An Epistle & present the needfull Matters from this Meeting & Sign the same as Usual.

25 At Our Quarterly meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island the 11th of 5th mo 1751, where the several monthly Meetings belonging thereto were call'd & their Representitives are Viz:t

For
Rhode Island - Abraham Anthony, Sam.^a Easton
Peter Barker & Thomas Gould
Dartmouth Henry Tucker
Greenwich James Green & Nathan.^l Green,
Nantucket none preasent,
Smithfield none
Swansey Job Chase
South Kingston David Green jun.^r

By Epistles Rec:d from each of the monthly Meetings (Nantucket & Smithfield Excepted) they generally Inform that their meetings have been kept up and their concerns of Discipline had been considred & carried on in love and condecention.

Forasmuch as most of the monthly Meetings have Neglected to send up their mints concerning setting a Quarterly meeting at East Greenwich They are desir'd to signifie the same to Our next Quarterly Meeting.

We Receiv'd an Epistle from the last Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island which was Read to good satisfaction and they perticulerly recommend to Our Notice the following Matters Viz.t ffirst, That they had concluded to have Printed One Thousand of R. Barclays Chatechisms, of which 800 are to be Bound: And Our ffriends Samuel Collins & Joseph Jacob are desir'd to take the Necessary care therein. And forasmuch as money will soon be wanted to Purchas paper &c. each Monthly Meeting is desir'd as soon an conveniency will Admitt to supplye ye Said ffriends Accordingly.

2ly That the Monthly meeting of Pembrook is yet at heavi charges for the Support of Alice Howard, They therefore Recommend it as a matter worthy of ffriends notice, & that we charitably contriboute toward their releif in that Matter, & Send Such collections as are made therefore to Matthew Eastes, Clerk of sd Monthly Meeting.

3ly That Our ffriends at their Yearly Meeting held in
London

London in 1750 found a Necessity to make a general Collection for a general Service and Recommended the same to Our Yearly Meeting. It is therefore desir'd That each Monthly meeting may manifest their Liberallity in that respect considering the benefits we have heretofore Receivd at their cost and Charg and That what is collected for that service be brought up to our next Quarterly meeting.

Our ffriends John Manton & Joseph Proud are desired to draw an Epistle from this to each of the Monthly Meetings recommending the needfull concerns, and bring them to the meeting tomorrow as Usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 16th of 8th mo 1751.

The several Monthly meetings being called their Representatives present are viz

For
Rhode Island. Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony and Thomas Gould
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Abraham Tucker William Barker
Greenwich John Green of Potowt
Nantucket none present nor no Accott
Smithfield Samuel Thare
Swansey none present nor no Account
South Kingston Thos Rodman & Steph Hoxsey

By Epistles from the several Monthly meetings except Nantucket & Swansey they inform in general that their meetings for the last Quarter have been duly kept and their concerns of Discipline carried on in a good degree of love & condescention.

By the Accounts returnd to this meeting concerning Seting up a Quarterly meeting at East Greenwich it is concluded best to suspend that matter at least for the present.

The monthly meeting of Rhode Island informs That they have taken care to supply with money towards Printing R B Catechisms and have also ordered Fifty Pounds to be sent to Matthew Easles for releif of Alice Howard And are also in a prograce to rais money to be sent to Our friends in England.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth have now sent the Sum of £9.9.8 for the Service of the Yearly meeting in London which is delivered to Saml. Easton to be kept for that purpose & it is Hoped that they will reconsider That matter & do something more proportionable to the Occasion. The Monthly meeting of Dartmouth also informs that a difference had happned between Barnabas Howland & Allen Junr. in which that Meeting had given a Judgment from wch Judgmt. the sd. Allen Appeal'd to This Meeting but having not appear'd to prosecute the same it is therefore dismist.

The Monthly meeting of Greenwich Informs that they had sent the Sum of £12.10 to Matthew Estes for the Service desired & were in a progress to Collect money to be sent to our Friends in England towards which there was Subscriptions already made amounting to £26.10s. & were in Expectation of additions thereto & will be sent to our Quarterly Meeting in the Second Month Next.

The Monthly meeting of Smithfield Informs, that they had not yet but Intended to Collect some money for those Services above mention'd to be brought forward to our Next Quarterly Meeting.

The Monthly meeting of South Kingston Informs that the Visiters of Westerly had visited the most of Friends Families under their care & found things Pretty well & were it was otherwise had labour'd for amendment That they had Collected £6.1.6 Towards the Relief of Alice Howard but had not yet done any thing Towards a Collection to be sent to England it is therefore Expected that they will by the Next Quarterly Meeting.

Our Friends Abraham Anthony Peleg Smith & John Green of Potowomet are desired to draw Epistles from this to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the needfull Matters & bring them to the meeting to morrow & Sign them in behalf of this Meeting

At Our Quarterly meeting held in Newport the 9th of the 1st month 1752.

The Several Monthly Meetings being called, Their Representitives are

For
Rhod Island Abraham Anthony John Wanton Timothy Waterhous Thomas Gould & James Easton
Dartmouth Jonathan Wood & Adam Mott
Greenwich, Nantucket, Smithfield: none present nor no Epistle wch it is beleivd has happed through the Extremety of the Weather.
Swansey Stephen Chase & Caleb Earl
South Kingston John Knowls & Jno. Collins Jund:

By Epistles from the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth, Swansey & South Kingston they inform That their meetings have been kept up for the last quarter & their concerns of Disapline hand been carried on in a good degree of Love & Condescention.

We also now Recd. An Epistle from the Monthly meeting of Nantucket directed to Our last Quarterly meeting (but came too late) informing That their Affairs in the Meeting had been carried on in Love and Condescention And wheras they seem to Excuse them selves from contributeing towards a Collection for a Stock for Our ffriends in England On Account of their presant Circumstances: It is desired & hope they will reconsider that Matter with regard to the reasonableness and Importance thereof.

And it is also desird the several Monthly meetings will send what they collect for That purpose to Our Next Quarterly Meeting which is to be held at Portsmouth.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island Informs That they have concluded to collect for the service of Our ffriends in England the Sum of £240 — Old Tenor or £20 Sterlg: to be ready at Our next Yearly Meeting.

Our ffriends Joseph Proud, Timothy Waterhous & John Wanton are desird to ~~write~~ Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings as usual to be brought to the meeting to-morrow And also sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

a 9 At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth the 9th of 4th mo. 1752, these several monthly meetings thereto belonging being called their Representatives are

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony, Christo: Townsend, Thomas Gould. & Thomas Richardson
Dartmouth Stephen Willcox, Jonathan Wood, Nathal: Potter, and Jedediah Wood
Greenwich Robert Hall, & James Green
Nantucket none nor no Account,
Smithfield, Robert Trip
Swansey Job Chase
South Kingstown Thos. Rodman & Peter Davis

By Epistles from each of the monthly Meetings Except Nantucket They inform That Their meetings have been duly kept and their concerns of Discipline for the most part had been carried on in a good degree of Love.

The Monthly meeting of Dartmouth informs that they had concluded to make farder collection for our ffriends in England. And also that John Mosher had Appeal'd from a Judgment of That Meeting on a complaint against him made by Nathaniel Potter which being Receiv'd by This Meeting, Our ffriends James Green, Peter Barker, & James Luther are Appointed & desir'd to hear consider and determin said Matter & Make return to this Meeting, Two of sd ffriends agreeing to be a Judgment.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield signifie their desire to have the Book of George Bishop concerning ffriends Sufferings in New England Reprinted which is refer'd to the consideration of Our next Yearly meeting.

Several of Our Monthly Meetings having now sent up their collections for Our ffriends in england Which are as followeth Entd.

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich the Sum of	£43:0:0
Smithfield	21:9:0
Swansey	12:18:0
South Kingston	£40:11:0
Making in all	£118:1:–

which is deliver'd to Samuel Easton to be brought to the

Yearly Meeting next.

Our ffriends John Green of Potowomet, Christopher Townsend, and Jacob Mott are desir'd to draw Epistles from this to each of the monthly Meetings as usual and and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow & also sign them in behalf of this meeting.

Our ffriends William Anthony, Jacob Mott, James Easton Abraham Tucker, Peleg Smith John Green of Potowomt., Robert Hall, Elihew Coleman Nathanl Coleman Robert Trip, Hezekiah Smith, Job Chase Isaac Peirce Thomas Rodman and Stephen Hoxsey Are Appointed & desired to attend Our Insueing Yearly meetings as Representitives of this Meeting & to deliver the propper concerns as usual by Epistle.

This Meeting Adjourn'd until tomorrow after the Meeting of Ministers.

ffriends being Mett According to Adjournment,

Our ffriends James Green, Peter Barker & James Luther Make the following Report in writeing under their hands Vizt.

Portsmouth the 10th day of ye 4th mo 1752

We the subscribers being a Committee appointed to hear and determin an Appeal brought to this Quarterly meeting from the Monthly meeting of Dartmouth Haveing heard the Alligations of John Mosher Appelant and Nathanl Potter Appelee and duely considred the Evidances and Pleas of both said Partyes, Do Adjudg that he the said John Mosher hath made it appear That the sd Mosher is clear of the charge laid or charged against him

James Green
Peter Barker
James Luther

Which in Condesention said Nathal. Potter Submitts unto.

At our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 9th of the 7th month 1752

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are Viz.t

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Sisson Peter Barker James Easton William Anthony Jun.r
Dartmouth Henry Tucker, Abraham Tucker Abraham Rusell
Greenwich, Nathaniel Green & John Green of Potowo:
Nantucket David Gardner & Elehu Coleman
Smithfield None present nor no Account
Swansey Stephen Chase
South Kingston Peter Davis Thom.s Rodman

By Epistles Rec.d from each of the Monthly Meetings Except Smithfield we are informed that their Meetings are kept up and Concerns of Discipline in the general had been carried on in a good degree of love & condescention but no account of Visiting ffriends ffamelys.

We Receiv'd an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting which being read was to great satesfaction containing a very good Account of s.d Meeting, They also Recommend to ffriends Notice the Advice & Admonitions contain'd in the London Printed Epistle as well as in a written Epistle which were also read in this Meeting to mutual Satesfaction.

Our ffriends James Easton James Haydon and Joseph Proud are desir'd to write Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings Recommend the needfull Heedfull concerns as usual and bring them to the meeting tomorrow to be Sign'd

It being Presented to this Meeting That the Title to the Land on which friends Meeting house in the Town of Providence stands is not well securd This Meeting therefore Recommends it to the care of Smithfield Monthly Meeting to inspect into that matter and endeavour Seasonably to take propper measurs to Secure the Same If Needed.

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 12th day of the 10th m^{o} 1752
The several monthly Meeting being cald their representatives are as followeth Viz^{t}.

For
Rhode Island, Sam^{l} Dyre, Peter Barker, John Wanton
Abra^{m} Anthony, James Sisson, & Will^{m} Anthony Jun^{r}.
Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker & Daniel Rusell.
Greenwich Robert Hall & John Green of Potowom^{t}
Nantucket None
Smithfield Robert Tripp.
Swansey, Job Chase & James Luther.
South Kingston Tho^{s} Rodman & Rob^{t} Knowles

By Epistles from each of the Monthly Meetings Except that of South Kingston they generally Inform that Meetings are kept up (and their concerns of Discipline for the most part are carried on in Love & condescention, and forasmuch as they give no Account of Visiting friends familys it is desir'd seasonable care may be taken to render an Account to our next Quarterly meeting.

A Certificate from the Monthly meeting held at Abington in the Province of Pensilvania on the behalf of our well esteemed friend Samuel Spencer Dated the 31st of the 8th m^{o} 1752 being Read in this meeting was to full Satisfaction.

Our friends John Green of Potowom^{t} & W^{m} Anthony Jun^{r} are desired to draw Epistles from this to each of the Monthly meetings containing the needfull matters & bring them to the Meeting tomorrow as usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island on
the 11th day of the 1st month 1753
The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called Their
Representitives are viz.t

For
Rhode Island James Sisson Peter Barker, Thos Richardson
& Thomas Goulde.
Greenwich } none present
Nantucket }
Smithfield, Uriah Mowry & Robt Trip
Swansey, Benjamin Buffinton
South Kingston Peter Davis & James Scriven
Dartmouth Abra Tucker & Jonathan Wood

By Epistles from each of the monthly Meetings Except from
Greenwich they in general inform That their meetings
have been duly kept both for worship & Discipline & Their
concerns of Discipline have been carried on for the most
part in Love and condescention.

Whereas Our Quarterly Meeting in the 7th month last desird
the monthly meeting of Smithfield to inspect into the Title
of the Land whereon our meeting house in Providence
stands &c. and haveing receivd no answer concerning that
matter, It is now again desird it may be made to our
next Quarterly Meeting.

Our ffriends Timothy Waterhouse, Joseph Bowd, & James
Haydon are desird to draw Epistles to the several Monthly
meetings & bring them to the meeting tomorrow to be signed as
usual.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island
the 12th day of the fourth month 1753.
The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being
called their representitives are viz.t

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony, William
Anthony Junr: & Saml Collins & James Mitchel;
Dartmouth Adam Mott, Peleg Smith Abra Tucker
and Joseph Tucker
Greenwich James Green
Nantucket None
Smithfield Robert Trip & Uriah Mowry and
John Lapham.

for Swansey Oliver Earl & Job Chase.

for South Kingstown Thomas Rodman.

By Epistles Recd from each of the monthly Meetings Except from that of Nantucket They in the generall Inform That their Meetings for the last Quarter have been kept up & their concerns of Discipline carried on in Love & Condescention.

The Swansey & South Kingston Monthly Meetings gives a prety satesfactory Account of their Visiters service but no Account from any of the other Monthly meetings.

The Monthly meeting of Smithfield haveing as was desired Inspected into the affair of the meetinghouse land in Providance finde it to be under Insale; The Trustees or Proprietors are therefore desired to endevour with the Heirs of Thomas Arnold to have the Land which was Pledged to him for securety of the sd Meeting house Lott made over & secured to them the said present Proprietors.

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich proposes & desires That for the future Their Yearly Meeting at Greenwich may be held on the last first day in the 5th month N.S and on the 7th day before it at Warwick as formerly, Which is referd to the determination of the Insueing Yearly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston now Informs That they have laid out all the money they have Received towards building their meeting House in South Kingston the whole being £533.6 — And That £130 — will yet be wanted to finish said House, It is therefore again recommended to the notice of the several Monthly Meetings & in an Especial manner to those who have not already contributed thereto or have done but little, to see if they cannot manifest their Unity with their Brethren in a proportionable contribution thereto.

Our friends William Anthony, Abraham Anthony, Joseph [illegible] Thomas Greene Joseph Tucker, Abraham Tucker, John Greene of Pt wot. John Potter Nathanl Coleman Davis Gardner Uriah Mowry, John Lapham Oliver Earl, Job Chase, Thoms Rodman & Peleg Davis are desired to attend the Insueing Yearly Meeting as Representatives for this meeting & to Present the needfull concerns by an Epistle as usual.

Our friends Abraham Anthony, Peleg Smith & Jno Greene of Pt: wont. are desired to draw Epistles from this to the several monthly Meetings recomending the needfull as usual and sign them in behalf of this Meeting.

At our Quarterly meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 12 day of the 7th mo 1753

The several mongthly meetings thereto belonging being called Their representitives are Vizt.

For
for Rhode Island; Wm Anthony Jacob Mott John Taylor Christor. Townsend Thomas Gould
Dartmouth, Abraham Russel John Russel Peter Smith, Greenwich Joseph Edmonds James Green John Green of ptwomt-
Nantucket, Benjamin Coffin, David Gardner
Smithfield, John Lapham & Thos, Smith
Swansey Oliver Earl.
South Kingston Stephen Richman & Peter Davis Jund.

By Epistles Recd. from each of the Mongthly Meetings they inform That their meetings for the last quarter have been duely kept & their concerns of Disapline caried on in a good degree of Love and concord, but no account of Vissiting ffriends families is mentioned in them — And forasmuch as several of the Mongthly Meetings seem willing to be Excusd from contribiting firder towards finishing our Meeting house at S, Kingston This Meeting considering that that house was agreed by the Quarterly Meeting to be built, thinks all the Mongthly Meetings according to their several Circumstances; are equally engaged & therefore cannot but desire & hope they will again consider that matter & doe something to the Purpose, to be brought to our next quarterly Meeting

The mongthly of Greenwitch Informs that ffriends Meeting house at warvick is very much out of repair, Our ffrd. Jon. Green of Poto wt. is therefore Desird to Inspect into that matter & learn as near as he can what the charge of repairing it may be & make report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting held In Rhode Island was read in this Meeting to Mutual satisfaction and they Inform that it was agreed at Sd. Meeting that for the futures the Yearly Meeting at Greenwich should be held on the last first day in the fifth mongth, N. S, and at Warwick on the 7th day before it —

The mongthly Meeting of Smithfield Informs that they have according to desire of Last Quarterly Meetng got Securely from the heirs of Thos arnold for the Land which was alegd for their meetng hose in Providence.

Our friends James haydon & Joseph Proud are desired to draw Epistle
from this to the several Mongthly Meetings & bring them to the Meeting
tomorrow as usual

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth for
Rhode Island the 11th day of the 10th mo 1753.
The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being cal'd
their representatives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Peter Barker,
James Easton James Sisson Samuel Clarke.
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker and
Jonathan Wood.
Greenwich John Green of Pot wom.t
Nantucket None present nor no Account.
Smithfield John Lapham
Swansey Philip Chase
South Kingston Stephen Hoxsey & Solomon Hoxsey

According to desire and Appointment of our last Quarterly Meeting Our friend John Green hath inspected into the Circumstances of our Meeting house in Warwick and reports, That it is much out of Repair and according to his best Judgment will take three hundred & fifty Pounds Old Tenor to compleat the same and that som of the Neighbours there have Subscrib'd Ninety Pounds towards the work provided it is carried on, So that only £260 Remains to be collected by the Several Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting Observing the good disposition of som of the Neighbours thereabouts and considering also how dishonourable & Discourageing it would be to let That Meeting house rot & fall to the ground concludes to proceed to get it repard as soon as conveniency will admit, and in Order that sutable provission may be seasonably made It is earnestly recommended to the consideration of the Several Monthly Meetings and they are each desired ~~to~~ make return to Our next Quarterly meetin what they can and will contribute thereto And our friend John Green of Po:wom.t is desir'd to undertake the Matter, make sutable provision and Imploy Persons to doe the work.

By Epistles recd from Each of the Monthly Meetings Except Nantuckett They Inform That their Meetings
have

97 been duly kept and their concerns of discipline in the general have been carried on in an orderly manner to prety good satisfaction. The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich & South Kingstone inform That the Visiters of those two Towns had given an acceptable account of their service in that respect.

The Returns made by the several Monthly Meetings of their Collections towards South Kingston meeting house are viz.t

By Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	£50.."–"	
Dartmouth	10..10..–	
Swansey	6..13..6	67..3..6

which is deliverd to Samuel Easton for Benj.a Perry.

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingston apprehends the necessity of a Meeting house being built in Richmond and informs that the cost thereof may be about £800 and That £488..15..– thereof is already Subscribed, Which information is taken notice of and the matter is referd to Our next Quarterly Meeting, in the mean time they have Liberty to proceed & make provision Accordingly.

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey Informs That Samuel Hicks and James Luther both appeald from a Judgment that had been given by that Meeting on or concerning a complaint which sd Hicks had made against the said Luther, which Appeal being receivd Our friends James Sisson, Peter Barker & Stephen Hoxsey are appointed and desird to hear consider and Determin said Matter and make report to this meeting Two of them agreeing to be a Judgment.

Our friends John Green of Portsm: and Thos Gould are desird to write Epistles to the several Monthly meetings recommending the needfull concerns and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow and also signe them on behalf of this Meeting.

The Meeting adjournd unto tomorrow after the Ministers Meeting. ffriends Met on the 12th day according to adjournment. When the ffriends made the following Return concerning the appeal viz.t

Haveing heard the allegations on both sides and inspected into their records do confirm the former Judgment of sd Swansey Monthly Meeting. which is Received. Signd by James Sisson Peter Barker Stephen Hoxsey.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport on Rhode Island the 10th of the 6th mo 1754. The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are viz.t

For
Rhode Island. Abraham Anthony John Taylor James Chase & Thomas Gould
Dartmouth. Abraham Tucker Caleb Rusell and Jonathan Wood
Greenwich Nathaniel Green
Nantucket None present
Smithfield John Lapham
Swansey Benja Buffinton
South Kingston Solomon Hoxsey & John Collins

An Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket directed to our last Quarterly Meeting & came too late for that Meeting is since come to hand and gives a very Cumfortable account of affairs in that Meeting and also Informs that they had ordred fifteen Pound their old tenor toward the building the Meeting House at South Kingston, which is since Rec.d & Twenty Pounds in Rhod Island Currancy is accordingly paid in to the hands of Benjamin Perry for that Service.

The Matter concerning building a Meeting House in Richmond is refere'd until they Make Application for farder Advice.

By Epistles receiv'd from the several Monthly Meetings Except that of Smithfield they inform in the general of Meetings being kept up and their Discipline carried on in Love & unity to prety good satisfaction.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island informs That they have ordred towards the Repare of Warwick Meeting House the Sum of ---- £130 -- --
Greenwich Monthly Meeting ---- 30 -- --
Nantucket Monthly Meeting ---- £10 -- --
£170 -- --

Dartmouth, Swansey & South Kingston Monthly Meetings Inform That they have the Matter under Consideration.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs That they had granted John Wing an Appeal from a Judgment of that Meeting to this, and the says Wing Informs That through Sickness in his family he could not attend this Meeting and therefore desires his appeal may be continued to Our Next Quarterly Meeting which is Granted.

Our Friends

39 Our ffriends Samuel Thurston John Wanton & Timothy Waterhouse are desir'd to write Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings as usual And bring them to the Meeting to morrow to be sign'd as Usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 11th of the 4th month 1754

The several monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Represenitives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Easton &
Thomas Richardson
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker, Adam Mott, Wm Barker
Greenwich James Green & John Green of Potowomt
Nantucket None present nor no Account
Smithfield Uriah Mowry Thomas Smith and Jonath
Harris
Swansey Oliver Earl & James Luther
South Kingston Stephen Hoxey & Robt. Knowles

This Meeting Rec. an Account from John Wing of Dartmouth of his self and several of his Famaly being verymuch unwell so that he could not attend this Meeting and therefore desir'd his appeal from a Judgment of Dartmouth Monthly meeting may be continu'd to our next Quarterly Meeting which is Accordingly granted.

By Epistles receiv'd from each of the monthly Meetings Nantucket Excepted They Inform that their Meetings generally have been kept up for the last Quarter & the concerns of Discipline carried on in a good degree of Love & condesension

the Monthly meeting of South Kingston informs That the Visiters of Whitelly gave a prety satesfactory account of their service in that respect but none of the other monthly Meetings gives any Account thereof,

It is therefore desir'd that all ffriends concern'd therein may consid the weight & Benefit thereof and be more carefull for the future that so Accots thereof may be Rendred to the Quarterly meetings as formerly concluded

The monthly Meeting of Dartmouth hath now sent Twenty two pounds & three Shillings · £22 : 3 : 0
& the M^o. Meeting of S^o. Kingston hath sent · 7 : 4 : 0
both Makeing Twenty Nine pound & 7 Shill^s. £29 : 7 : 0
which is delivered to John Green of Pot-wom^t toward repareing Warwick meeting House.

The Monthly Meetings of Smithfield & Swansey informs That, they are under a Necessity of being at considerable charge to put their meeting Houses in repare & therefore desire to be excus'd from contributeing towards Warwick Meeting House which being considered by this Meeting they are accordingly Excus'd.

The ffriends appointed to attend our next Yearly Meeting as Representatives from this Meeting are Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony Abraham Tucker, Peleg Smith James Green John Green of Potow^t. David Gardner Benjamin Barney Thomas Smith Oliver Earl and Stephen Hoxey and they to prepare an Epistle containing the needfull concerns from this Meeting.

Our ffriends Peleg Smith, Adam Lawton & Abraham Barker are desired to draw Epistles from this to each of the Monthly meetings as usual & bring them to the Meeting tomorrow and sign them in behalf of this Meeting.

At our Quarterly meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island the Eleventh of y^e 7^th m^o 1754.

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being call'd their representitives are

For
Rhode Island James Easton James Chase
Abraham Anthony Tho^s Gould
Greenwich John Green of P^t w^t. Jn^o Potter Ja^s Green
Nantuket none present
Smithfield Samuel Thare
Swansey Oliver Earl
South Kingston Tho^s Rodman & Jn^o Collins Jun^r
Dartmouth Abraham Tucker Peleg Smith
Nathanel Potter Christopher Gifford

By Epistils received from the Several Mongthly Meetings they in the general inform that there Meetings are kept up and the concerns of Discipline for the Most Part carried on in peace and condecention.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth informs that John Wing had appeald from a Judgment of that Meeting in a Matter of difference between Said Wing and Thos Brigs which appeal is accepted & the Said wing being now present it is agreed that our friends Abraham Anthony John Potter and James Chase shall hear that case as also the appeal of Said wing which was was referd from our last Quarterly Meeting to this and determind them Severally &c and make return of their Judgment thereon to this Meeting, two of them agreeing to be a Judgment.

The mongthly Meeting of South Kingston informs that by a latter Subscription among them Selves they have added £51:5:0 to their former Subscription for the Meeting house of Richmond which makes in the whole £540: That they have laid out £690 And that there is yet lacking £260 to make up the first Supposed cost of £800 which they now find will not be Sufficient to compleat the Said house. It is therefore recommended to the Several Mongthly meetings to consider & see what Each of them will contribute towards the said £260 & make their returns to our next quarterly Meeting.

Our ffriend John Green Informs that he hath got ffriends Meeting House In Warwick repaird according to appointment of the Quarterly Meeting and now presents his Accott of the Cost thereof being £390:5:2, That he had receivd £292:2:10 so that there remains a ballance of £98:2:4 yet due to him It is therefore also recommended to the consideration of Each of our Mongthly Meetings who are desird to take the Most Speedy and Effectual Method to collect a Sufficiency to reimburse the ffriend & make return of their proceedings therein to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This meeting receivd an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting which gives a very comfortable accott thereof and Informs that a weightey concern was on the minds of ffriends for that Some who are not of our Society together with those who frequent our Meetings who are unworthy have been admitted to sit in our Meetings for Discipline it is therefore recommend to the Quarterly and mongthly Meetings that they be carefull to conduct them Selves for the future according to the minutes in that case made and provided They also inform that besides the Printed & written Epistle Usually receivd from London they had receivd a general written Epistle of which they agreed to have One thousand Printed for a general service the charge whereof it is Expected the Several Mongthly Meetings will take Seasonable care to pay.

Our ffriends Joseph Proud Timmothy Waterhouse and James Haydon are desird to draw Epistles from this to the Several Mongthly meetings recommending the Nedfull matters, and Bring them to the meeting to morrow as usual.

The Meeting Adjournd to morrow after the Ministers Meeting Ends

ye 12th of ye 7th mo 1754 ffriends Met according to adjournment and the ffriends appointed to hear and determine the two appeals brought to this Meeting By John Wing make the following reports Vizt.

As to the first the 11th of 7th mo 1754

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to hear and determine the appeal granted to John Wing by the mongthly Meeting of Dartmouth & brougt to the Quarterly Meeting in ye 1st mo 1754 and by refers to this meeting And we having heard the allegations on boath sides upon mature consideration do confirm the Judgment of the sd Mongthly Meeting Signed John Potter Abraham Anthony James Chase

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We the Subscribers being appointed by the Quarterly meeting to hear and determine the Appeal granted to John wing by the Mongthly Meeting of Dartmouth which was browght to this Meeting And having heard the Allegations on boath Side upon meture consideration do confirm the Judgment of the Said mongthly Meeting

James Chas, Abraham Anthony

from which Judgment John Wing desirs an Appeal to the Next Yearly Meeting in the Case With Tho^s Brigs which is refer'd to our next Quarterly Meeting for Consideration

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At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhod Island the 10th of the 10th month 1754

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being call'd their Represenitives are Viz^t

For
Rhod Island Abraham Anthony, Sam^l Collins Joseph Proude and Abraham Barker;
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Jonathan Wood & John Rusell,
Greenwich Robert Hall & John Green of potowo^t.
Nantucket, None by Apointment
Smithfield, John Lapham & Uriah Mory
Swonsy, Elisha Chase & James Luther
South Kingstown Peter Davis & Solomon Hoxsie

We rec^d an Epistle from Each of the Mongthly Meetings Except Nantucket Wherby they In General Inform of Meeting being kept up & their Concern of Disappline being caried on In a good degree of Love & Condescention & the Mongthly Meetings of Smithfield and South Kingston Give some good and Ecceptable accounts of the Service of Their visitors among Friends famalies

The Several Mongthly Meetings Make the following returns of their Collections towards Building Richmon Meeting House and repairing of that at warwick Viz^t

	for Richmond	for Warwick
Rhode Island	£100..0..0	£50..0..0
Dartmouth	17..18..0	0..0..0
Greenwich	15..10..0	10..0..0
Carri'd Over	£133..8..0	60..0..0

	Richmond	Warwick
Brought over Viz	£133..8..–	60..0..0
Nantuket	0..0..0	12..13..6
Smithfield	23..16..–	23..16..–
Swanſey	–..–..–	–..–..–
South Kingston	12..12..–	6..6..–
	169..16..0	£102..15..6
		169..16..–

Makeing in the whole - - - - - - - £272..11..6
out of which Jno Greens ballance is 98..2..4
the Remainder being - - - - £174..9..2 is ordred
into the hands of Solomon Hoxsie toward Richmond Meeting house which yet leves £86 short of the £260– concluded at Our last Quarterly Meeting to be Collected towards ye Richmond House It is therefore again Recommended to the several Monthly Meetings to make a new Collection for That Summ and to make their several returns to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs That they are of the Mind that there is Need of A Meeting House built at a place cal'd New Town in Dartmouth and that they have already subscribd £400..10..– towards the Same which this Meeting approves of and it is hop'd their proceeding therein will be Crownd with Succeſs.

The Monthly Meeting of Swanſey Informs That Stephen Chace had Given in a paper of Condemnation which Was receiv'd by that Meeting but waſs not to Generall Satisfaction of Said Meeting, Therefore Our ffriend Isaac Chase in behalf of himſelf and others Appeald to this Meeting which appeal is accepted and our ffriends Uriah Mory, Joseph Tucker, Jacob Mott, James Siſson, Peter Barker, Abraham Anthony, Joseph Proud Samuel Dyre and William Anthony Jun. are appointed to hear and conſider and determine that Matter, and Make report of their Judgment thereon to this Meeting. The Major Number agreeing to be a Judgment.

Our ffriends Christopher Townſend and Thomas Gould are desird to draw Epistles to Each of the Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull Matters from this Meeting as Usual and Bring them to the Meeting to morrow to be Sign'd.

This Meeting is Adjournd unto to-morrow after the meeting of Ministers is Ended.

ffriends being mett according to adjournment (on the 11th of the 10th mo) and the committee appointed to determine the appeal from Swansey Mongthly Meeting were caled upon, who make the following return vizt.

Persuant to the appointment of this Quarterly Meeting we have mett and considered of the appeal of Isaac Chase from the Judgment of the Mongthly Meeting of Swansey concerning the condemnation Stephen Chase gave in to said Meeting, and according to what has appeard before us it is our Judgment that the Paper given in to the Mongthly Meeting of Swansey by Stephen Chase is not a Sufficient Condemnation and ought not to have been accepted by sad Meeting. the 10th day of 10 mo 1754

Joseph Proude
Samuel Dyre
William Anthony Jnr
James Sisson

Uriah Mowry
Joseph Tucker
Jacob Mott
Peter Barker
Abraham Anthony

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 19th of 1st mo 1755. The Several Monthly meeting belonging thereto being call'd their Representives are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island, Samuel Clark, John Proud Samuel Dyre, John Taylor & Abraham Anthony.
Dartmouth Caleb Russell & Jonathan Wood
Greenwich John Potter & Jno Green of Potowomt.
Nantucket None nor no Account.
Smithfield. Moses Aldrech. John Lapham & Thomas Steere
Swansey Benja. Buffington. Philip Chase and James Luther.
South Kingston, Thomas Hodman and Solomon Hoxcey.

By Epistles Recd. from each of the Monthly Meetings Except Nantucket the Inform in general That their meetings are kept up and their Disciplsine carried on in a good degree of Love & Condescention.

The monthly Meeting of Dartmouth hath Collected towards bulding Richmond Meeting House ye Sum of ... £12.9.–
the Monthly Meeting of Swansey £5.10.4 Greenwich £18.06.– 23.16.4
In all £36.5.4 wch is Deliverd to Solo.n Hoxsey for that use 36.5.4

The monthly Meeting of Rhode Island Informs That they have that matter under consideration But those of Smithfield and South Kingston are silent concerning it, They are therefore desird to contribute in their freedom towards said House and send it up to the next Quarterly meeting or inform why they do not.

Our friends Joseph Proud, John Wanton, & Timothy Waterhouse are desird to write Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings containing the needfull Matters from his Meeting and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow as usual.

At Our Quarterly Meeting of friends held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island on the 10th of 4th mo 1755.
The several Monthly Meetings belonging thereto being called their Representatives are

For
Rhode Island, Jacob Mott Thomas Gould Thomas Richardson & James Mitchel
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker & Jonathan Wood
Greenwich James Green & Jno Green of Potowomt
Nantucket none present nor no Account,
Smithfield, John Lapham.
Swansey, Oliver Earl,
South Kingston Peter Davis & James Scrivin & Thomas Rodman

This Meeting Recd Epistles from the several Monthly Meetings Nantucket Excepted which in the General Informs that their meetings are kept up and their Discipline carried on in a good degree of love [illegible] & condescention. The Monthly meetings off Dartmouth, Greenwich, Smithfield & South Kingston gives som Acceptable Accounts of their Visiters Service, but no Account from the Other Monthly Meetings They are therefore desird to renew their care concerning that matter.

The monthly Meeting of Rhode Island Informs That Thomas Hicks had appeald from a Judgment of that Meeting desireing his case may be considred here, which is Accepted and Accordingly nominates & Appoints Our friends, John Green of Potowomet, James Green, Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker, & John Lapham to hear, consider & determin the same and to make return to this meeting. The Major number agreeing to be a Judgment

The monthly Meetings of Smithfield and South Kingston desires to be excus'd from makeing any ffarther contribution towards — Richmond Meeting house, apprehending they are not at presen[t] in a capacity for it, But Rhode Island informs that they have — ordred Samuell Easton to hand out forty Pounds toward building said house & to be paid to the undertakers.

V The monthly Meeting of Smithfield desires the time of Providance Yearly meeting may be altred & to be held on the fourth first day of the weeke in the Eighth month, which matter is referd to the determination of Our next Yearly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs that they have done considerable towards building their meeting house at Newtown and that money is wanted to perfect the same & will take it kindly of this Quarterly Meeting if it will help them to 4 or 500 Pounds which will Inable them to doe it, The Matter is therefore Referd to the several Monthly meetings that ffriends may have Opportunity of contributeing thereto and they are desird to make return to our next Quarterly meetings of their doeing there on.

On Consideration of the Present commotians and affairs which seems to be carrying on in the neighbouring Governments as well as in this, It is thought not Improper at this time to remind ffriends of our Antient Testimony for the Truth against bareing of Arms as Solders or makeing any preparation towards the same, for which Testimony many of our Antient and Worthy ffriends formerly and som of late have been great Sufferers.

The Committee appointed to determin on the appeal of Thomas Hicks make the following Return vizt. We being appointed to hear & determin on an Appeal brought from a Judgment of the Monthly meeting of Rhode Island held on the 25th of 2d mo 1755 by Thomas Hicks haveing heard the alligations of the sd Hicks and the Committee appointed by the sd Monthly meeting and duly consired the whole, Our Judgment is That the aforesaid Judgment of the monthly meeting be Confirmd. Signd, John Green of Et Wo: James Green, Joseph Tucker, — Abraham Tucker, John Lapham.

ffrom which Judgment the sd Hicks desirs an Appeal to the Insueing Yearly Meeting, Which is Granted. & Our ffriends Abraham Anthony and Joseph Jacob are desir'd to appear in behalf of this Meeting and set forth the proceedings of ffriends in that case. &c.

Our ffriends Abraham Anthony and Abraham Barker are desir'd to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings

Recomending

Recommending the needfull Matters and sign them in behalf of this Meeting.
Our friends Abraham Anthony, James Easton, James Sisson, John Wanton, Joseph Tucker, Abraham Tucker, John Green of Potowomt, James Green, David Gardner, John Lapham, Uriah Mowry, Oliver Earl, & Thomas Rodman are desird to attend the next yearly meeting as Representitives and Recommend the propper concerns by an Epistle as usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 10th of 7th m 1755.
The several monthly meetings being calld their Representitives are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott John Taylor Christo: Townsend & Thomas Gould
Dartmouth Abraham Rusel Daniel Russell and Abraham Tucker.
Greenwich John Green of Potowomt.
Nantuckel Joseph Marshal & David Gardner
Smithfield John Lapham & Stephen Swett Junr.
Swansey Oliver Earl
Kingstown, Peter Davis, James Scriven and Thomas Rodman

By Epistles Recd from each of the Monthly Meetings Except that of Nantucket they inform That their Meetings are kept up and their Dicipline in the General carried on in love and condesention and the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket Informs that some deficulty had arisen among them concerning Dicipline and desires some assistance from this Meeting in order that it may be settled and refer to David Gardner & Joseph Marshall for Information of the matter therefore our friends Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott Joseph Jacob John Collins Junr. John Green of Potowomet Abraham Barker & Abraham Tucker are appointed a committee to hear and report thereon which is as followeth. It is the Judgment of this Quarterly=Meeting that the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket had a rite and still have to take cognizance of the case mentiond in their Epistle notwithstanding the said meeting may be Interested in the case which return is accepted by this Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode=Island informs that they contribute one hundred pounds old Tennor towards building

the meetinghouse at New town in Dartmouth and Samuel Easton is directed to pay the same out of their stock.
Greenwich Monthly Meeting have agreed to give thirty pounds old Tennor towards said house to be brought to our next Quarterly Meeting and Nantucket sends five Dollars towards building said house Smithfield and Swansey Monthly Meetings desires to be excus'd at present South Kingston & Westerly intends to collect something against our next Quarterly Meeting.

We also now rec'd an Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket y^e 31 of last 3mo which came too late for our last Quarterly Meeting and with it sent Ten Pounds their old tennor to be handed to Thomas Richardson towards building Richmond Meeting house which Money is now dd to Thomas Rodman for that end.

We Receiv'd an Epistle from our last Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island which gives a very comfortable account of the same and informs That it was there agreed that the yearly meeting of Providence be held for the future on the fourth first day in the Eighth month and on the seventh day before at Warwick.
also That the Quarterly meeting of Salem for the future be held on the fourth first days in the fourth month & ninth month and also that the judgment of the Quarterly meeting concerning thomas Hicks was confirm'd. and That It was also agreed That the seting of the Meeting of Ministers on the Seventh day morning in the yearly meeting be for that morning discontinued and the Meeting of busines adjourn'd from the sixth day evening to the 7th day morning at the seventh hour, then to set for dispatch of those matters which may come before it, and the meeting for publick worship to be continued as usual.

The said Yearly Meeting being under a weighty concern for the Revival of our Antient Discipline in the several branches thereof propos'd and recommended a set of quries relateing to the conduct of friends to be read in each perticuler monthly and Quarterly Meeting which are viz^t

Que^r: 1 Are all meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline duly attended, the hour Observ'd and are friends preserv'd from sleeping or any indecent behaviour therein, Perticulerly Chewing tobacco or takeing Snuff.

2 Is Love and Unity maintaind among you as becomes Brethren are tale bearing back biteing and evil reports discouraged and where differences arise are endeavours speedily us'd to end them.

3 Are Parents of Children carefull to bring them up in plainneſs of ſpeech behaviour apparrel and in the frequent reading the holy ſcriptures, to restrain them from reading perniſious Boks and the corrupt conversation of the World.

4 Are Friends carefull to avoid the frequent uſe of ſpiritious Liquors the unneceſsary frequenting of Taverns and places of publick resort and in all their conversation walk as becomes the proſeſsors of the Bleſsed truth in true moderation and temperance on the account of Births Marriages Burials and all other Occaſions.

5 Are Poor friends neceſsities duly inspected, they releiv'd or aſsisted in such buſineſs as they are capable of, do their children freely pertake of Learning to fit them for buſineſs & are they and other Friends children placed among Friends.

6 Do no Young or unmarried Perſons make propoſals of Marriage with each other without conſent of parents and relations conſern'd nor keep company with thoſe of other ſocieties on that account.

7 Do no Widowers or Wido's make or admit of propoſals of Marriage too early after the Deceaſe of former Husband or Wife and are not the [illegible] rights of Children by former Marriages neglected.

8 Do Youmaintain a faithful testimony against the payment of Priests Rates, bearing of Alms, ~~training~~ or Military service and against depriveing the King of his duties or bying or vending of Goods suspected to be run.

9 Are ffriends carefull to make their wills and settle their outward estates whilst in health and take friends advice therein when neceſsary and are publick gifts or Legacies apply'd to the Uſe intended by the Doners

10 Are friends clear of importing Negroes or bying them when imported and uſe those well where they are poſseſsed by inheritance or otherwise indeavouring to train them up in the Principles of religion.

11 Are Friends Carefull to live within the bounds of their circumſtances and to avoid launching into trade and buſineſs beyond their ability to manage, and thereby break their promiſes and neglect the payment of their just debts, and are such as give reaſonable grounds of fear on these occaſions timely labour'd with for their recovery.

12 Are their any belonging to this Meeting removed without a Certificate or are there any come from other places appearing as friends who have not produced Certificates.

13 Are You concern'd regularly to deal with all offenders in the spirit of Meekneſs and Wiſdom without partiality or unneceſsary delay, and where any continue obstinate to place judgment upon them in the Authority of truth.

And it is fulther recommended that all contention and Perſonal reflection and smileing be Kept out of our meetings that all friends be carefull to keep out of heats and paſions and doubtfull disputations and that We suffer no turbulent contentious Perſons amongst us in ordering or manageing the affairs of truth but that the same be manag'd in the peaceable spirit and wisdom of Jeſus with decenſy forbearance and love to each other

Our Friends Abraham anthony Joseph Proud David Gardner and Joseph Marſhall are deſir'd to draw epiſtles from this to the several Monthly Meetings containing the proper matters & bring as many as convenientlly can to the Meeting to Morrow to be sign'd.

At Our Quarterly Meeting held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 9th of 10th mo 1755. The several monthly Meetings thereto belonging being call'd their representatives are Viz.t

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott, Abraham Barker Joseph Proud John Taylor and Peter Barker.
Dartmouth, Abraham Tucker Jonathan Wood, Peleg Smith William Barker
Greenwich James Green Nathaniel Green
Nantucket Jethro Folger Richard Mitchel David Gardner
Smithfield John Lapham John Case
Swansey Oliver Earl Paul Osbon
South Kingston Peter Davis & Stephen Hoxsie

By an Epistle from each of the monthly Meetings they inform in the general That their meetings for both Worship & Discipline are kept up and attended and that their concerns of Discipline are ~~cosi~~ desired & conducted in an Orderly manner.

Rhod Island informs they had Receivd the Queries & handed Copies to each perticuler Meeting but gives no Account Visiting

Dartmouth That they had recd. those queries but had not made a prograce so as to be capable of rendering an Account at present

Greenwich That they had them under consideration but not proceeded so far as to render an Account at present

Nantucket Renders a satisfactory Account of their care respecting those queries and inform that they are clear in som of them and where they are not so are in hopes of amendment.

Smithfield Informs that their Visiters had made Visits to most of their ffamelys, had read the Queries to them but found but few that could answer them to satisfaction but were in hopes of amendment.

Swansey That they had received them but wer not now in a capacity to make proper Answers but hope to doe it in their next.

South Kingston Informs their Visiters in South Kingston had mad a prety full Visit but no Accout from the Visiters of Westerly That the queries had been read in som ffamelys and where they were deficient Encouragement was given for amendment.

The monthly Meeting of Greenwich now sends the sum of £30 —
and the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston the sum of £7
towards building the Metting house at Dartmouth £39 —
and is deliverd to Abraham Tucker.

The following Certificates were signed at this Meeting Vizt.

One of the Acceptable service of Our ffriend Samuel ffothergil directed to the monthly Meeting of ffriends in Harlshaw in Great Brittain

One of the Acceptable Service of Our ffriend Joshua Dixon directed to the monthly meeting of ffriends of Raby in the Bishoprick of Durham in Great Brittain

And One of the Acceptable Service our ffriend William Logan as a helpfull companion to our said ffriend Saml. ffathergill

and One of the Acceptable Service of Our ffriend Thomas Goodwin directed to the monthly meeting at Goshen in Pensylvania.

As it is Observable by the Accounts from the Several monthly meetings that there has been a deficiency in improving the Queries According to the directions given friends are therefore desird to be more carefull & that Accounts may be given to

Our ffriends Abraham Anthony Peleg Smith David Gardner Abraham Barker & Paul Osbon are desird to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings recommending the needfull matters and bring them to the meeting tomorrow & Signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

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2 At our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 8th of 1st mo 1756. The several monthly meetings belonging thereto being cald their Representitives are viz:

For Rhode Island monthly meeting Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony Abraham Barker James Chase & Sam Mitchel
Dartmouth Adam Mott & Joseph Tucker
Greenwich
Nantuckett } none present nor no Accout.
Smithfield
Swansey Job Anthony & James Luther
South Kingstown Stephen Hoxey & John Collins Junr.

By Epistles from the monthly meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth Swansey and South Kingstown they inform that their meetings are kept up for both worship & Discipline & that their Discipline has been conducted in love and Condesention. The monthly meetings of Rhode Island and Swansey inform that they have not as yet made such progress concerning the queris as to give propper answers now but hope to do it to the next quarterly meeting.

The monthy meeting of Dartmouth & South Kingstown have mad Answer to the queries som of them to good satisfaction and where they are not so their care is desird to do better in their next and the several monthly meetings are desird to remember that full and proper Accounts will be expected at the next Quarterly meeting in order to be transmited to the yearly meeting.

Our ffriends Timothy Waterhouse Joseph Proud & John Waterton are desird to write Epistles to the several monthly meetings containing the needfull matters and bring them to the meeting tomorrow as usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting held At Portsmouth for Rhode Island the eighth day of the 4th mo 1756

The several Monthly Meetings being cald their Representatives are Vizt

For
Rhode Island Thomas Richardson Abraham Anthony
James Easton Christopher Tounsend Jacob Mott
Dartmouth Adam Mott Peleg Smith Jonathan Wood
Greenwich James Greene & John Greene Potowomt
Nantucket none present by appointment nor any Account
Swansey Phillip Chase James Luthar.
South Kingston Peter Davis & John Collins

We recd an Epistle from each of the Monthly Meetings Nantucket excepted by which they inform that in the General their Meetings for both worship and Disapline have been kept up and their concerns considerd and conducted in Love and condecention and the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth Greenwich and Swansey have given answers to the Queries which are in good measure to satisfaction and where they are short friends care is desird for amendment as well as that Those meetings who have returnd no answers may be more carefull for the future.

The Monthly Meeting of Swasfey informs that they had Granted an Appeal to Isaac Chase from a Judgment of their Meeting to this and as said Chase could not attend this Meeting by reason of bodily indisposition it is referd to next Quarterly Meeting And they also desire this Meeting to deliver to Stephen Chase the Paper of condemnation which he had given to their Monthly Meeting which request being considerd it is concluded not expedient so to do but rather advise that Monthly Meeting to prosecute that matter in the wisdom of Truth n such manner as may remove the reproach thereby cast on it and the professors thereof.

Our Friends Abraham Anathony Jacob Mott Peleg Smith John Greene of Pt Womt James Greene David Gardner Elihu Coleman Abraham Barker James Luthar John Lapham Peter Davis and Thomas Rodman are appointed representatives of this to the next Yearly Meeting and to carry the Proper concerns by Epistle as usual.

Our friends abraham Anthony John Greene of Pots Womt Peleg smith and Abraham Barker are desird to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings containing the needfull concerns from this Meeting bring them to the Meeting to Morrow and also sign them in behalf of this Meeting

At our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 8th day of the 7th month 1756.

The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being calld their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island, Jacob Mott. Peter Barker James Sisson John Taylor James Chase John Proud
Dartmouth, Jonathon Wood Peleg Smith
Greenwich Joseph Edmonds Nathal Greene
Nantuckett None present
Smithfield John Lapham,
Swansey Job Chase Theophilas Shove
South Kingstown Thomas Rodman & Robt Knowles

Isaac Chase appeard at this Meeting and desird ffriends to take his Appeal to the last quarterly Meeting into consideration the Meeting therefore appointed Our friends Jacob Mott Peter Barker. Peleg Smith John Potter and James Sisson a Committee to hear consider and determin said matter and make their return to this Meeting if with conveniency they can otherwise to ar next quarterly Meeting.

By Epistles Receivd from each of the monthly Meetings except that of Nantuckett they inform that their Meetings are kept up both for worship and Discipline and that their concers are considred and conducted for the most part in a spirit of love and condescention.

The monthly Meetings of Nantucket Swansey & part of South Kingstown have returnd answers to the queries which are in part to som good satisfaction, but as several other monthly Meetings have taken no notice of those Queries it is desird and earnestly recommended that they all be more carefull in that respect for the future and return their answers to each query agreeable to direction of our Yearly Meeting.

We Receivd the Epistle of our last Yearly Meeting wch is to great satisfaction and inform that the quarterly Meeting of Sandwich has been Burthened with a charge of a poor ffriend which fell heavi on Our ffriend John Rogers who is £238 Boston Old Tenor in advance. It is therefore Recommended to the notice

of each

Each monthly Meeting to contribute in their ffreedom to his Relief and send the same to our ffriend Mathew Estes of Pembrook and return an Account thereof to our next Yearly Meeting.

That Yearly Meeting being under a weighty concern for the Honour of Our Profession and apprehending there is likely to be a atime of Suffering on account of the Militia, It is therefore concluded that it go down from this Meeting to the Quarterly and monthly Meetings that they Appoint and add to the Visiters of each perticuler Meeting two ffriends who may have the oversight and to advise and Counsel such as may fall under Suffering to keep to Our antient Testimony that no blemish be brought on our Profession.

And Whereas it appeard to that Meeting that there is a neglect among ffriends in bringin up Accounts of their Sufferings they are therefore desir'd to be more carefull in that Respect for the future.

Our ffriends John Wanton Joseph Proud & Oliver Hull are desir'd to draw Epistles from this to each of the Monthly Meetings recommending the needfull and bring them to this meeting tomorrow.

This Meeting is Adjourn'd unto tomorrow after the Meeting of Ministers is ended.

ffriends being mett According to Adjournment on the 9th of 7th mo.

The Committee appointed to consider the Appeal of Isaa. Chase being call'd upon, make the following report, viz.

Pursuant to the Appointment of the Quarterly Meeting held at Newport on the eighth of the seventh Month One Thousand seven hundred fifty six Wee have Considered the Appeal of Isaac Chase from a Judgment Given against him by the Monthly Meeting of Swansey and having heard their Allegations on both sides Our Judgment is that the Charge laid against said Chase is so frivilous that the Monthly Meeting of Swansey ought not to have proceeded so far against said Chase as thy did. Therefore we reverse the Judgment of said Meeting. Signed Jacob Mott, John Potter, Peter Barker, James Sisson, Peleg Smith

Which return is Excepted.

57 A Sertificate of the Acceptable Service in the Ministry of our Worthy Friend Thos Gorthrop directed to the Monthly Meeting of Kendal and Quarterly Meeting of Westmoreland in Great Britain Was Sign'd in this Meeting

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At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island on the 7th day of the 10th mo 1756

The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island monthly Meeting Jacob Mott James Easton Joseph Proud Abraham Barker Isaac Lawton & Peter Easton.
Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker. Jonathan Wood & Adam Mott John Mosier.
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene John Green of Potowt.
Smithfield Thomas Lapham, Thomas Steere
Swansey Paul Osbon James Luther
South Kingston Thomas Rodman & Peter Davis

Epistles was Receiv'd from the several Monthly Meetings except from Nantucket by which they inform that their meetings both for Worship and Discipline are kept up and their concerns in the general considred and carried on in a good degree of love and Peace. The Monthly meetings of Rhode Island Dartmo: Swansey and South Kingston have returnd answers to the Queries Except from Aponagansct but as the Monthly Meetings of Greenwich Nantucket & Smithfield have given no Accounts thereof their care is therefore desird that they neglect not for the future and Espetially that of Smithfield who have not yet sent a reguler Account thereof.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth informs that a differance hath hapned between Job Howland and his sister in Law Mary Howland in which case a Judgment had been given by their Monthly Meeting from which Judgment Job Howland desir'd an Appeal to this Meeting which was granted and said Howland haveing signified to us that by reason of Sickness in his ffamely he could not well attend this meeting and desires it may be referd to our next Quarterly meeting his request is therefore granted.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs they have taken care that one hundred Pounds be sent to Matthew Estes and South Kingston Monthly Meeting also informs they have taken care to send Ten Pounds to said Eastes all in complyance of the request of our yearly Meeting towards releif of our friend John Rogers
Our friends ~~Abraham Barker~~ Isaac Lawton and Peleg Smith are desird to write Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Ministers Meeting tomorrow and signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island the 13th of 1st month 1757.
The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called Their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott, Abraham Barker, Jabez Carpenter, James Chase, Peter Barker Abrahm Anthony
Dartmouth Ichabod Eddy, Nicholas Howland, Adam Mott.
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene.
Nantuckett none present nor no Account.
Smithfield Moses Aldrich.
Swansey Caleb Earl James Luther.
South Kings Stephen Hoxsie John Collins and Peter Davis.

The Representitives of Darmouth Monthly Meeting informs That the differance between Job Howland and his Sister in Law Mary Howland is setled and Ended.
This Meeting receivd an Epistle from each of the monthly Meetings except that of Nantuckett who thereby inform That their Meetings are kept up and in the General their concerns of Discipline have been conducted have been conducted in love and condecentions
Whereas the monthly Meeting of Smithfield desires som farder

ffarder directions from this Meeting in respect to secureing their Meeting house Land in Providance It is agreed that Samuel Easton deliver to our ffriend Moses Aldrich the Deed of our Meeting house Land at Portsmouth which ffriend Aldrich is to Return as soon as conveniency will admitt.

The Monthly meetings of Rhode Island, Greenwich, Swansey and South Kingstown have sent their Answers to the Queries which are to be reserved on file for the service Intended.

Our ffriends Jabez Carpenter, William Lake & Edward Thurston are desird to draw Epistles to the several Monthly meetings Recommending the needfull matters from this meeting to be signd by the Clerke tomorrow after the Meeting of Ministers is ended.

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island on the 7th of 4 month 1757.

The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging being called their Representatives are Viz

Rhode Island Jacob Mott, Samuel Collins James Easton Abraham Anthony, James Sisson, Samuel Clarke.
Dartmouth, Adam Mott Peleg Smith Caleb Russel Joseph Tucker.
For Greenwich Nathaniel Greene.
Nantucket Sylvanus Hussey, David Gardner
Smithfield John Lapham
Swansey Philip Chase. James Luther
South Kingstown Peter Davis & Lott Tripp.

By Epistles from each of the Monthly meetings Except that of Smithfield They in the general inform that their meetings for the last quarter have been kept up and prety well attended and their concerns of Discipline considred & Conducted in a good degree of Love and condecention.

The Monthly meeting of Rhode Island sent up the following queries and desird Answers thereto Viz.

Whether there be any Differance beteen friends Voteing for the Raising of Men to go to War, Going to the General muster of the Malitia, Paying certan Sums of Money for the raising men to go into the war, Paying or assisting towards the Fort, And paying the general Taxes of the Government in time of War, Which matters haveing been considred It is agreed by this Meeting That there is a manifest Differance and it is hoped ffriends will generally understand it so.

The Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Nantucket, Swansey, and South Kingston have sent up Answers to the Queries. Som of which are to prety good satesfaction and it is hoped friends will endevour to mend those which are short in time to come. They are reserved on file for their propper services.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth informs That sundry friends of that Meeting have had their Goods taken away for their not observeing Milatary Orders, the perticulers whereof they are desir'd after approved by their Monthly meeting to send to Samuel Easton in season before the next Yearly Meeting.

The Monthly meeting of Swansey also sent an Account of frds. sufferings for not appearing after Impreset to the amount of £64.10 proclamation money which are delivered to Saml Easton to be Recorded.

Inasmuch as the monthly Meeting of Smithfield hath sent no Account to this meeting It is desired and expected they will be more carefull for the future.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth informs that they have sent £12.18 Boston Old Tenor toward Releif of our friend John Rogers agreeable to the request of the Yearly Meeting And
The Representitives of Nantucket Mo. Meeting informs They have collected Three Dollers for that purpose which are to be

Our friends Abraham Anthony James Easton, Abrah: Barker, Caleb Russell, Peleg Smith, Joseph Tucker, Nathal Greene, John Greene of Do wt. David Gardner, Richard Mitchell, Uriah Mowrey, James Luther, Job Anthony, Stephen Hoxsie and Lott Trip are appointed Representitives from this to the Insueing Yearly meeting and to communicate the Propper concerns as Usual.

Our friends David Gardner, Isaac Lawton & Peleg Smith are desird to write Epistles from this to each of the monthly meetings as Usual and bring them to the meeting tomorrow and also sign them in behalf of this Meeting

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At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 13th Day of the 10th mo 1757.

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Representitives are Vizt

For Rhode Island, James Easton, Jacob Mott, Abraham Anthony, & Abraham Barker

For Dartmouth Ichabod Eddy, Job Russell, Abraham Tucker.

For Greenwich Thomas Aldrich. Nathaniel Greene

For Nantuckett, Silvenus Hussey Elihu Coleman David Gardner
Smithfield, Uriah Mowry
Swansey, Philip Chase James Luther
South Kingstown Peter Davis Stephen Hoxsey.

By Epistles Received from each of the monthly Meetings they in the general give a prety good account of the states of said Meetings and each of them except that of Swansey have sent Answers to the Queries which are to be kept on file for the use intended.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Informs that a differance had hapned between Stephen West and Jedediah Wood and the said Wood refuses to take up with the Meetings Judgment but requested an Appeal to this Meeting which was granted and accordingly receivd here And in order to settle the same our friends James Luther, Peter Barker, James Sisson, Job Anthony & James Chase are Appointed a Committee to hear Consider and determin the Case and make Return of their Judgment thereon to our next Quarterly Meeting the Major part agreeing.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield Represents the Necessity of Repairing Friends Meeting House in Providence as well as the fence about the Land It is therefore agreed that the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield take effectual care to make the Necessary Repaires on the premises and also to make som conveniencies for holding their Meetings in the winter Season and Render An Acount of the Charge to Our next Quarterly Meeting in Order that the same may be proportiond to the several monthly Meetings.

Our friends Isaac Lawton, Stephen Hoxsie & Thomas Aldrich are desir'd to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings recommending the needfull matters, and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow as usual, and also signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

At Our Quarterly Meeting of friends held In Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 16th of the 4th month 1758

The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging were Called. Their Representatives are. Viz.

For. Rhode Island: Abraham Anthony, James Easton, Peter Barker, Isaac Lawton, James Mitchel.

Dartmouth.

For {
Dartmouth. Peleg Smith. Christopher Gifford. John Mosier, Joseph Tucker.
Greenwich, — Nathaniel Green.
Nantucket. Sundry friends present, But No written Account Nor Appointed —
Smithfield. John Lapham, Uriah Mowry, Benja. Slocum.
Swansey. Job Chase, Benja. Buffinton.
South Kingston. Peter Davis And Thomas Rodman.

Jedediah Wood Appeard At This Meeting And Desired his Appeal May be Continued To the Insuing Yearly Meeting. According To his Request At Our Last Quarterly Meeting: Which Is Granted: And Our friends. Abra. Tucker and James Luther Are Appointed To attend in behalf of this Meeting. And Represent The Matter.

Epistles were Received from each of the Monthly Meetings, Except from Nantucket: As Also Answers to the Querys: Sundry of them to pretty Good Satisfaction, And Some Incouragement that Endeavours will be Used for Amendment of Others. Those papers to be kept on file for the Service Intended —

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, Sends An Account of friends Sufferings. As fines On Account of Military Laws: Amounting To £ 59..16 — Proclamation Or Lawful Money.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth. Informs of A Law Made In the Bay Province. Requiring friends to give Lists of the Names of Our friends Who Dwell In each Town, In Order for their being Exempt from Military Services: And Also Inform They have been At — £15..16..8½ Charges In Makeing Application for Relief of Suffering friends: Which Matters Are Refer'd to the Yearly Meeting to Determine On.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield having sent in A Computation of the Charge of Repairing our Meeting house In Providence. Which So Exceeds What was Expected. That It is Now Agreed that Our friends. Benja. Buffinton, James Luther, Benja. Congdon And John Potter. Are Desired to Joyn with the friends Appointed by Smithfield Monthly Meeting. To Determine What is Necessary to be done In Repairing the house And Securing the Land by fencing: And Return, to Our Next Quarterly Meeting. Their Judgment What the Cost May — Amount To.

Our Friends Appointed As Representatives To the Yearly=Meeting. Are, Samuel Clarke, Abraham Anthony, —

Abraham Tucker. Peleg Smith. Nathaniel Green. Benjn. Buffinton. Uriah Mowry, Solomon Hoxsie. Who Are Desired to Draw An Epistle Containing the Needful Matters, As Usual.

Our friends, Isaac Lawton, Benjn. Buffinton & Peleg Smith, Are Desired to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings. Containing Needful Matters. And bring them To the Meeting To-morrow, And Sign them pr Behalf of this Meeting &c.

At our Quarterly Meeting held in Newport for Rhode Island the 12th of the 1st month 1758.

The several Monthly meetings thereto belonging were called and their Representitives are Vizt.

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony, Jacob Mott Peter Barker, James Chase & Abraham Barker
Dartmouth, John Mosier & Joseph Tucker
Greenwich, Nathaniel Greene,
Nantucket none present nor no Account
Smithfield none present nor no Account
Swansey, James Luther & Theophilas Shove
South Kingstown Soloman Hoxsie & John Collins

The ffriend Appointed a Committee at our last Quarterly Meeting to hear the Appeal of Jedediah Wood from a Judgment of the monthly Meeting of Dartmouth make report as followeth
"Having heard their Pleas & alligations on both side After
" due Consideration ~~thereof~~ do Confirm the Judment of the
" aforesaid monthly Meeting. Signed
" James Luther, Peter Barker, James Sisson, Job Anthony
" James Chase.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield having not given any Account of their Proceedings towards repairing our Meeting House &c. at Providance, that Matter is Referd to our next Quarterly Meeting at which their answer is desir'd.

By Epistles Recd. from each of the Monthly meetings (Nantucket an Smithfield excepted) they Inform their Meetings are in the general prety well kept up and attended & their concerns of Discipline for the most part conducted in a good degree of Peace & Condescention.

The Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island, Swansey & South Kingstown have sent Answers to the Quiries which are in part to good satisfaction and it is hoped care will be taken for an amendment These are to be kept on file for ye service intended.

Jedediah Wood desires the Liberty of an appeal from the Judgmt.

of

Judment of the abovementiond Committee to the Yearly Meeting to be granted from our next quarterly Meeting if he then sees cause to prosecute it.

Our ffriends James Hayden, John Goddard & Joseph Droude are desir'd to write an Epistle to each of the quarterly meetings Recommending the needfull and bring them to the meeting tomorrow as usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting of ffriends held in Newport for Rhode Island the 13th day of the 7th mo 1758

The Several Monthly meetings belonging thereto were called and their Representatives are as followeth viz.t

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony, Isaac Chase, James Easton, and Isaac Lawton,
Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker, Henry Headley Stephen Wilcox
Greenwich Joseph Edmonds, Nathan.l Greene David Greene
Nantucket, Elihu Coleman
Smithfield, Thomas Steere, Benjamin Slocum Thomas Smith,
Swansey, Oliver Earl & Elisha Chase
South Kingstown, Peter Davis.

The Committee Appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting who with the friends of Smithfield Monthly Meeting were desired to Inspect and consider what is Necessary to be done in Respect to our Meeting House at Providance Report That they Judg the Cost will Amount to £3070.

They also propose and conclude it would be Expedient and of Advantage to move the House towards the East end of the Yard, the which is Approved of by this Meeting and the care and manaigment of the whole in both Removeing and Repareing is committed to the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield,

And In Order to put forward the work this Quarterly Meeting concludes it is Necessary to Contribute One Thousand Pounds thereto And the Severall Monthly Meetings are desird to do what they can in Freedom thereto, And what Money is Collected for that purpose they are desir'd to Remitt to the hands of Our friend Thomas Smith in Smithfield or to Joseph Jacob in Newport and make report of their doings therein to Our Next Quarterly Meeting.

Epistles were Received from each of the Monthly Meetings (Nantucket excepted) and in general Inform That their

Meetings for both worship & Discipline were prety well Attended and the concers ~~thereof~~ conducted in a peaceable and condecending Manner. but gave no Account of Visiting nor Answers to the queries Except from part of South Kingstown which is in good measure to satisfaction.

We Received an epistle from our last Yearly Meeting which was read to mutual satisfaction And they Inform that the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth had been at £15..18..8½ Proclanation money Charges in Soliciting for releif of suffering friends which as it was for general Benefit it is desired that each Monthly may in their freedom contribute towards dischargim the same and that what is collected therefore be Remitted into the hands of Joseph Tucker of Dartmouth
and also that the Judgment of our last Quarterly Meeting against Jedediah Wood was Reversed.

Our friends Joseph Proud, William Lake and Edward Thurston are desird to Write Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings recommending the needful matters from this Meeting and bring them to the meeting tomorrow as Usual.

At our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 12th day of the 10th month 1758, The several Monthly Meeting thereto belonging were called & their Representitives were

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony, James Chase, James Mitchel James Sisson Isaac Lawton.
Dartmouth Abraham Tucker Peleg Smith Humphry Smith
Greenwich David Green, Joseph Edmonds
Nantucket none by Appointment
Smithfield Thomas Lapham Benjamin Slocum
Swansey Paul Osbon Job Chase
South-Kingstown Thomas Rodman & Joseph Congdon

Epistles were Received from each of the Monthly Meetings Informing That their Meetings are kept up & their Concerns of Discipline were for the most part carried on in a good degree of Love & several of them have contributed both towards Repairing our Meeting house at Providance and the Charge which Dartmouth Monthly Meeting was at in soliciting for Releif of Suffering friends Viz.t

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting hath Ordred £500 for Providance Meeting Houses and £110 Towards the chargs on Solciting for Releif of Suffering friends
Dartmouth £1..12..6¼ Lawful Money for the House & £4..18..6 towards the charge on Suffering friends
Greenwich £9..3 towards the House & £22 toward Releif of ye friends
Nantucket Ten Dollers for the House & four Dollers for Releif of ye frds

Smithfield £426..6..8 Towards the House
South Kingstown £23..10 Towards the House & £5..10 — toward Releif of Sufferring friends.

From which at appears that the Monthly Meeting of Swansey hath not yet contributed to either of those Charges They are therefore desir'd to Manifest their Unity with Other Meetings by contributeing thereto, And it is also understood & concluded That those above Mentioned Collections are not all that is needfull to be done but that farder collections must be made before the House can be ffinished It is therefore desird that each Monthly Meeting will Make farder Contributions for the same and Render an Account thereof to Our Next quarterly Meeting.

The Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island, Nantucket Smithfield and South Kingstown have sent Answers to the Queries — which in som parts are Satisfactory & are to be kept on file for use. Our ffriends William Anthony Hamphry Smith and Peleg Smith are desired to write Epistles to the Monthly — Meetings Recommending the needfulll, & Bring them to the Meeting tomorrow & signe them in behalf of this Meeting

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At our Quarterly Meeting of ffriends held in Newport, for Rhode Island the 11th day of the 1st mo. 1759
The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representatives are

For
Rhode Island, James Mitchel Abraham Barker, James Chase. Abraham Anthony Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker, Abraham Tucker and William Barker
Greenwich Samuel Cahoon Caleb Carr.
~~Nantucket None present nor no Account~~
Smithfield, Benjamine Slocum Ebenezer Kollam
Swansey, Job Anthony Theophelas Shove
South Kingstown, Thoms Willber & Joseph Congdon

We Recd. an Epistle from each of the Monthly Meetings (Except from Nantuckket) Who in the general Inform their Meetings for both Worship and Discipline are kept up and a good degree of Love and Unity is maintaind among them And the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island, Dartmouth, Swansey & South Kingstown have sent Answers to the Queries, som of which are to good satisfaction Nevertheless there appears sundry defficiencys respecting others of them, concerning which ffriends care is desired for an Amendments, Those Accounts are to be kept, on file for future service.

Agreeable to the Request of Our last quarterly Meeting to the several Monthly Meetings they now Inform they have made farder collections towards Repareing Our Meeting House at Providance Vizt

Rhode Island - -	£300 —	to be Recd of Saml Easton
Dartmouth - - -	25:18 —	Sent by their Representatives

Greenwich £10:15 to be cal'd for by ther Representitives
South Kingstown £72:15: in ye hand of Joseph Congdon
Smithfield - - - 47:3:4
the Whole £456:11:4 all to be cal'd for by ye Committee
Our friends Abraham Anthony David Earl & Joseph Proud are desir'd to draw Epistles from this to the several Monthly Meetings Recommending the needfull as usual and bring them to the Meeting tomorrow.

At our Quarterly meeting of friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 12th of the 4th month 1759
The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are

For
Rhod Island James Chase Abraham Anthony Isaac Lawton.
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Paul Russell.
Greenwich John Briggs James Greene Peleg Spencer
Nantucket None present by Appointment
Smithfield Jonathan Harris Benjamin Slocum
Swansey Paul Osbon Job Anthony
South Kingstown Thomas Hazzard & Peter Davis

Epistles were Rec'd. from the Monthly meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth, Greenwich, Smithfield & South Kingstown with answers to the Queries which were read in this meeting, som of them to prety good satesfaction and where they wer not so friends care is desired for a better Regulation.

By Epistle from Swansey Monthly meeting they Inform their Meetings are kept up and their Discipline carried on in a good degree of Love & Unity, They have also sent the Sum of £22 Rhode Island currency Old Tenor towards Repareing Our Meeting House at Providance which is deliver'd to Benjamin Slocum.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield Informs that the Subscriptions made towards Repareing Our Meeting house at Providance is near all Expended and it is Judged that about Sixteen hundred Pounds more will be wanted for that Service, The several Monthly Meetings are therefore desir'd to contribute towards the same and In case the Subscriptions are not brough in seasonably, and there be a Necessity therefor the ffriends concernd are to hire Money to carry on the work.

It being manifest to this Meeting by Writeing & Otherwise That Our friends of the Monthly Meeting at Nantucket are got into

6:7 Disorder even to the reproch of our Holy Profeſsion which is a Burthen and concern to the Lovers of Truth. They are therefore tenderly desired and advised to represent the Matters of Differance Subsisting among them & the foundation there of by propper Representitives of both partyes to Our Next Quarterly Meeting in Order that endevours may bu used for a thorough Reconciliation And in the mean time that all be carefull to Refrain from those disorders.

Out friends Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony Abraham Tucker Peleg Smith James Greene Jonathan Harris Paul Osbon and Stephen Hoxsie are Appointed Representitives from this to Our Next Yearly Meeting and present the Need full matters as usual. And Our friends Abraham Anthony Abraham Barker Joseph Cosigoon & Humphry Smith are desired to write Episles to the several Monthly Meetings contaiing the need full and bring them to the meeting tomorrow & also signe them in behalf of this Meeting.

At our Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport for Rhode Island ye 12 of ye 7 mo 1759
the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Called there Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott
Isaac Lawton James Chaſe & Joseph Proud
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker John Ruſsel
Humphrey Smith John Mosier Jethro Hathaway
Caleb Ruſsel and Paul Ruſsel
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene and John Greene
Nantucket Sylvanus Huſsey Jethro Folger Elihu Colman
Joseph Marſhall Barnabas Colman Richard Maſsey
Benjamin Barney and David Gardner
Smithfield Jonathan Harris Daniel Caſs & Benjn Arnold
Swansey Benjn Buffinton Philip Chaſe Job Anthny and Paul Osborn
South Kingston John Collins and Peter Davis Junr

Recd five yearly Meeting Epistles vizt two from London one printed & another Written Dated 1758 one from Burlington in Pensylvania Dated 1758 one from Long Island Dated 1759 and one from our Last yearly Meeting at Newport Which were Read to good Satisfaction and Copys of the written Epistles Ordered to be Tranſcribed and Sent with the printed Epistle to the Several Monthly Meetings and the Advice therein Contained Recommend to the Conſideration and

Practice of friends in general. The Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Swansey & South Kingston sent Answers to the Queries some of them are to Satisfaction and Others are not so well they are Desired to be more Carefull to Answer the Queries for the future By Epistles from Rhode Island Greenwich Smithfield and Nantucket no Answers to the Queries they are Desired to be More Carefull for the future to Send up the Answers in a Proper manner. By Epistle from Nantucket they Inform they have Chosen persons persuant to the Request of the Quarterly Meeting to Represent the Matter of Differance still Continuing amoung them this Meeting taking the Matter Under Consideration Do Appoint Jacob Mott James Easton Daniel Southwick Abraham Barker Humphry Smith Joseph Tucker Jonatthan Harris John Collins & Benjamin Arnold to be a Committee to here and Determin Matters Between them the Maiger part Agreeing Shall be a Judgment and make Return to this Meeting at the Adjournment at the Second hour in the After Noon our friends William Lake David Earl & Oliver Hull are Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and Bring to the Adjournment and Transcribe the Several yearly Meeting Epistles in Order to Send along with them the Meeting Adjourned to tomorrow at the Second hour in the After Noon

Friends Being by Adjournment Mett

the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth Greenwich and South Kingston Concluded to Raise and have Raised the following Sums of Money towards Repairing the Meeting house at Providence Viz

Rhode Island £600-0- Dartmouth £ 60-5-6 Greenwich £ 83- - South Kingston £70- -	Which Several Sums Amount to £813-5-6

Acertificate of our Worthy friend Mary Kirby from the Monthly Meeting of Norfolk in Old England Dated the 17th of ye 3 Mo 1758

Also a Concurrent Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting held at Norwich in the County of Norfolk Dated ye 28 & 29 of ye 3 Mo 1758

Likewise A Certificate of our Worthy friend Elizabeth Smith from the Monthly Meeting held in Burlington Dated the 3 of ye 6 Mo 1759 Were Read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

Our friend Thomas Richardson Desireing a Release from his Service as Clark to this Meeting which this Meeting Condescending to Do Appoint our friend David Earl to be Clark to this Meeting

Likewise this Meeting Appoints Thomas Richardson
Joseph Jacob & David Earl to Over hall the papers that
Belong to this Meeting in Said Richardson hands and Such
as are Like to be of Service to be Delivered to Said Earl and
Kept on file and all those papers that are Like to be Useless
are to be Destroyed
This Meeting is Adjourned to tomorrow Morning at the 8th hour
Friends Being Mett According to Adjourment, the Commitee
having not finished the Beusiness Committed to their Care
This Meeting is Adjourned to the 11 hour
Friends Being Mett According to Adjourment
the friends Appointed by this Meeting to Determin the Differance
Subsisting Between the friends of Nantucket Monthly Meeting
have made their Return which was Accepted and ordered on file to
be Recorded with the Minits of this Meeting
Our friends Richard Macy Benjamin Barney & David Gardner
not Being Satisfyed with the Judgment of the Quarterly
Meeting Committy, Desire an Appeal to the Yearly Meeting
Committee which was Granted
this Meeting is Adjourned to ye 6 hour this after noon
Friends Being according to Adjournment Mett
the Committee of the yearly Meeting having not finished
the Beusiness Committed to their Care
This Meeting is Adjourned to tomorrow Morning at ye 8 hour
Friends Being Mett According to Adjourment
the Committee of the yearly Meeting having not finished the
Beusiness Committed to their Care
this Meeting is Adjourned to the 6 hour this Afternoon
friends Being mett According to Adjournment
this Meeting Received the Judgment of ye yearly Meeting
Committee which went from this Meeting by Appeal
which is ordered to be Recorded with the other Minits
of this Meeting, the Judgment of the yearly Meeting and the
first Parrigraft in the Judgment of this Meeting are to
be Sent Down with Copies of the Same to Nantucket
Monthly Meeting
Benjamin Buffington Abraham Barker are to be Aded
with David Earl to Draw an a Epistle to Nantucket
Monthly Meeting
Friends Appointed as a Commeety to Visit Nantucket
Monthly Meeting to Assist and advise them as truth Shall Direct=
are

are John Casey Benjamin Buffingtun Nathanael Greene
Isaac Lawton Thomas Hazard Peter Davis Pawl Osborn
Christopher Townſen Peter Barker
This Meeting is Adjourned to the 10 hour to tomorow Morning
Friends Being mett According to Adjourment
the Epistle for Nantucket Monthly Meeting was preſented
to this Meeting and Read and Acceptted, Signed in and by
Order of the Meeting by the Clark
We the Subscribers a Committee Choſen by the Quarterly
Meeting to hear and Determine the Matter in Controverſey
Subſiſting with friends of the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket
Being Mett according to Appointment and are all Preaſent
Adjourned to the 3 hour in the afternoon
Being met According to Adjourment and are preaſent
Having heard the pleeaſe and aligations of both parties and
woghtily Conſidered the Same Dont find by any thing offored to
us that Elihu Coleman was Ever Regularly under Dealling
therefore it our Judgment that thoſe friends who have Sot with
their heads Covered or Refuſed to Riſe in time of the Said
Coleman offering in prayer or are guilty of publickly
Cenſureing him acts Contrary to the good order Establiſhed
among friends and Ought to Condemn the Same
2nd our Judgment is that paying the money Laid on the inhabtents
of the Island of Nantucket by the generall Court for the
Support of the War in Lieu of perſonal Service is inconſiſtiant
with our principles
3rd It never having been the practice of friends to Determin the
titles of Land therefore Dont think it Expediant to Determin
the Rite and title of the Nantucket Commons

Jacob Mott
James Easton
Daniel Southwick
Abraham Barker
Humphry Smith
Joseph Tucker
Jonathan Harriſs
John Collins
Benjamin Arnold

We the Subscribers do hereby Acknowlegg that we
have Acted Contrary to the Rules of our Diſipline
in Sitting with our hats on in the time when
Elihu Coleman has Been Concerned in publick
prayer in our Religious Meetings which offence
we Deſire friends would paſs by
Richard Macy
Benjamin Barney
David Gardner

The Last yearly Meeting Committe was Appointed to Receive the Appeal if any there should be from the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Newport ye 12 of ye 7 Mo. 1759 and they to here and Determine the Difference Subſiſting in Nantucket Monthly Meeting &c. met According to appointment ye 24 of ye 7 Mo. 1759 at Newpor
The Committe Adjourns to the 2d hour in the afternoon
This Committe met by Adjourment all Preaſent
This Committe Adjourns untill ye 7th hour tomorrow
This Committe met according to Adjourment all Preaſent
Having had Laid before us for our Conſideration and judgment wheather it be Conſistant with our principals to pay the Mony Said to be Laid upon Nantucket in Lieu of their Raiſing Men to go into the War. We having waitily Conſidered that Affair Do not at preaſent think it Safe to Determin that friends pay it. but do Tenderly Adviſe friends Duly to Conſider in this and all other Caſes of Like nature to Stand Single to truth only and Conduct so as not to Bring Areproch upon it "We further adviſe that friends Exerciſe Charity towards Each other in Such Caſes which will preſerve us in Love and Unity therefore let not him that has not freedom to pay Judge him that pays nor he who has freedom to pay Judge him who has not and we further inform that inasmuch as the Meeting for Sufferings in London Requested of our yearly Meeting to Repreſent to them any matter that we Could not fully Determin we have Concluded to Lay this Caſe Before them and Request their Advice therein. And as to Nantucket Commons where any friend or friends think he She or they have aRight therein the Same Being Occupied and the profits Enjoyed by others who Refuſe to Serrender, it is our Sence and Judgment that such have Liberty to make Demand thereof by Legal Proceſs to final Iſsue, or take any other steps that are Neſsary preparitives thereto and in Caſe such aproſecution should Effect the Intereſt or Clame of other friend or friends the same have Like Extenſive Liberty to Defend & Secure his her or their Right and that the Monthly Meeting Meddle nomore in such Caſes
We also think it proper Conſidering the preſent Sutiation of Nantucket friends the Quarterly Meeting appoint a Committee to Viſit them at their Next Enſuing Monthly Meetings to Aſsist and Adviſe as truth shall ~~Direct~~

Joseph Jacob Benjamin Buffinton James Chaſe James Green Nathan Davis Paul Osborn Steven Hoxſie Thomas Hazard Thomas Wilbore Joseph Frish
Timothy Davis Joseph Congdon

73 At our Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Portsmouth for RhodeIsland the 11 of ye 10 mo 1759
the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Caled their Repreſentatives are

for --
RhodeIsland John Wanton James Chaſe Jacob Mott James Mitchel and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Adam Mott Steven Willcoks Abraham Tucker Caleb Ruſsel and Philip Tripp
Greenwich Benjamin Condon and David Greene
Nantucket Sylvanus Huſsey and Jethrow Coleman
Smithfield Jonathan Harriſs and Benjamin Slocum
Swanſey Pawl Oborn Philip Chaſe & Edward Shove
SouthKingston Thomas Redman and Joseph Congdon

By Epiſtles from the Several Monthly Meetings who informs that their Meetings for Diſcipline is kept up and Carried on in a good Degree of Love and Condecention the Monthly Meetings of RhodeIsland Dartmouth Greenwich Swanſey and South Kingston have Sent Anſwers to their Queries Some of them are to Satiſfaction and others are Not So Well, and they are Deſired to Still Continu in a Labour for Amendment, the Monthly Meetings of Nantuckett and Smithfield Sent no Anſwers to their Queries for which they are Deſired to be more Carefull for the future, By a Epiſtle from Swanſey informing that Oliver Earl & James Luther Appeald from the Judgment of their Monthly Meeting, to the Quarterly Meeting, this Meeting take Notice of their Appeal and Appointed a Committee to hear and Determin the Same, the Men Appointed as a Committee are James Mitchel Caleb Ruſsel Jonathan Harriſs Jethro Coleman Benjamin Congdon Thomas Hazzard and David Greene theeſ or the Maiger part of them Agreeing to be a Judgment and to make Return to this Meeting, Likewiſe the Money that was Sent from Swanſey Monthly Meeting, was Deliver to Benjamin Slocum for the Uſe of Providence Meeting House which Sum Amounted to £31-9s Old Tenor
the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield informs that the Repairing of Providence Meeting Houſe and yard will Amount to the Sum of Six thouſand pounds of which Sum there Still wants aboute three thouſand pounds Old Tenor, which is Recommended to the Several Monthly Meetings, Deſiring them to Contribute as they Shall find freedom.

Rec'd a Certificate of our Worthy friend Isaac Andrews from the Monthly Meeting at Haddonfield in Newjerseys Dated ye 9 of the 7 Mo 1759 Also a Certificate of our friend William Foster from the Monthly Meeting at Haddonfield in Newjerseys Dated ye 9 of ye 7 Mo 1759 and Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

Signed Six Certificates in this Meeting

one Certificate for our Worthy friend John Storror Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Nottingham in Old England

Also a Certificate for our Worthy friend Mary Kirby Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Norfolk in Old England

Also a Certificate for our Esteamed friend Benjah Andrews Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Burlington in the Jerseys

Also a Certificate for our Esteamed friend Elizabeth Smith Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Burlington in the Jerseys

Also a Certificat for our Worthy friend Isaac Andrews Directed the Monthly Meeting at Haddonfield in Jersey

Also a Certificate for our friend William Foster Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Haddonfield in the Jerseys

Friends Appointed to Draw Epestles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Headfull are, William Anthony & Joseph Congdon Philip Tripp Benjamin Burden and Thomas Hazard, who are to Bring them to the Meeting tomorrow, and Jacob Mott is to Sign them in Behalf of the Meeting

Rec'd the Judgment of the Commitee Appointed to Determin the Differance Subsisting Between Oliver Earl and James Luther, which Confirms the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting and is Ordered to be Recorded with the Minits of this Meeting

the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting is as follows

To the Monthly Meeting to be held at Swansey ye 3d of ye 9mo 1759 we According to the Monthly Meeting Desire have Laboured with our friends James Luther & Oliver Earl Concerning the Reproach of their miss Conduct gone Abroad and hope they will make friends Satisfaction and we Judge that sd Luther aught Publickly to Condem his Crying Murder and Declareing that he was afraid of his Life of sd Earl it Being on falls Grounds and it Appears to us that sd Earl Crying Murder after sd Luther was not with any Regard that he was afraid of his Life of sd Luther

But for asmuch as Report has gone out otherwise we Judge
it aught to be Publickly Condemned
ye 11 of ye 10 Mo 1759

William Buffinton
Samuel Barker
Job Chaſe
Daniel Chaſe
Job Anthony

We the Quarterly Meeting Committee
Confirm the Monthly Meeting Judgment
Jethro Colman David Greene
Benjamin Congdon Jonathan Harris
Caleb Ruſsel James Mitchel
Thomas Hazzard Son of Robert

At our Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport on
Rhode Island ye 10 of ye 1 Mo 1760
The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being
Called there Repreſentatives are

Cor
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Chaſe
James Mitchel Jacob Mott Junr & Joseph Proud
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Humphry Smith Abraham Tucker
and William Barker
Greenwich Nathanael Greene
Nantucket none Preaſent
Smithfield Jonathan Harris Benjamin Slocum and
Benjamin Arnold
Swanſey Benjamin Buffinton & Theophilus Shove
Southkingston John Collins Joseph Congdon & Thomas Hazzard

By Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings (Except Nantucket)
Who Informs that their Meetings for Worship and Discipline are
kept up and Carried on in a good Degree of Love and Condeſention
By Epistles from Rhode Island Dartmouth Swanſey and South
Kingston Monthly Meetings who Informs that they have not
as yet Raised any Money towards Repairing Providence
Meeting Houſe, by Epistle from Smithfield Monthly Meeting
which informs that they had £578-8/8 Subscribed towards there
Meeting Houſe at Providence by Epistle from Greenwich Monthly
Meeting which informes that they had Raised the Sume of
£34=13/4 for the Use of Providence Meeting houſe which was
Ordered to be Delivered to one of the Committee, Rhode Island
Swanſey and South Kingston have Sent Anſwers to their Queries
Some of them are to Satisfaction Others are not so well, and
they are Desired to still Continue in a labour for Amendment

Dartmouth Nantucket Greenwich and Smithfield havenot Sent Anſwers to the Queries for which they are Deſired to be more Carefull for the future and Send their Anſwers up in a proper Manner, this Meeting Recommends to the Several Monthly Meetings Deſireing them Contribute towards Repairing Providence Meeting Houſe and Yard as they shall find freedom, this Meeting Also Deſires the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield to Render an Account of the Distribution of the Money Raiſed for the Uſe of Providence Meeting Houſe and yard, and Also the Account of Cost, and what is yet Behind to pay, to our Next Quarterly Meeting, Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to Recommend the Headfull are Benjamin Buffinton Abraham Barker Joseph Proud and John Goddard who are to Bring them tomorrow to be Signed in the Meeting as Useall

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At our Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island ye 10 of ye 4 Mo 1760
The Several Monthly Meeting thereto Belonging Being Called the Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Isaac Lawton James Easton and John Wanton
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Caleb Ruſsell & Peter Devol
Greenwich James Greene Nathanael Greene & John Greene
Nantucket Sylvanus Huſsey and Philip Pollard
Smithfield Thomas Steer and Benjamin Slocum
Swanſey Philip Chaſe and Job Anthony
South Kingston Solomon Hoxsey & Thomas Hazard

By Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings who Informs that their Meetings for Worship and Diſcipline is kept up and Carried on in a good Degree of Love and Condecention

By Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Inform that William Woddle and Christopher Gifford Deſired An appeal from their Meeting to this Meeting which was Granted, the Men Appointed to here and Determin the Matter Depending are Peter Barker Jacob Barney John Proud James Mitchel and Timothy Walterhouſe the Major part of them Agreeing to be a Judgment and make Return to our Next Quarterly Meeting, the Epistle from Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs that Steven Chapman Deſired An appeal from their Meeting to this Meeting which Matter was Refaired to our Next Quarterly Meeting for their Judgment, wheather it is Right to take Cogniſence of or not

By Epistle from Greenwich who Informs that their Monthly Meeting hath Raised the Sum of £32-- of Old Tenor for the Use of Providence Meeting Houſe which was Delivered to the Commeety

By Epistle from Southkingston Monthly Meeting informs that they have Rawed £44-- of Old Tenor which Sum was Deliver,d to one of the Commeety for the Use as before, By Epistle from Smithfield Monthly Meeting who Informs that they have Settled the Acct of Providence Meeting Houſe and Yard with with the Commeety who was Appointed to Carry on that work and they inform that the whole Money Already Colected Amount to £3604-17/10 and the Commeety have Advanced Over and Above £2746-1/6 So that the whole Cost Amounts to £6340-19/4 and the Commeety Recons it will Cost £410-- of More

By Epistles from Each Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to their Queries Some of which are to Satisfaction and Others are not to Satisfaction, therefore they are Deſireed to Continu in a Labour for amendment for the future, this Meeting Recommends to Each Monthly Meeting Deſireing them to still Contribute towards Providence Meeting Houſe & Yard as they Shall find freedom, Friends Appointed to Attend the Yearly Meeting and Draw Epistle are Jacob Mott Samuel Clark Joseph Tucker Caleb Ruſsel James Greene Benjamin Congdon Joseph Marchshall Jonathan Maſey Uriah Mory Philip Chaſe Steven Hoxsey and Thomas Hazard

friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Severar Monthly Meetings Recommending the Readfull are Isaac Lawton Joseph Congdon and Abraham Barker who are to Signe them in Behalf of Said Meeting

Att our Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport for RhodeIsland ye 10 of ye 7 mo 1760

The Several Monthly Meetings Being Called their Repreſentatives are

For -- RhodeIsland Abraham Anthony James Chaſe James Mitchel and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Adam Mott Humphry Smith & Caleb Ruſsell
Greenwich John Potter James Greene Nathanael Greene & John Greene
Nantucket Jethro Coleman & Silvanas Worth
Smithfield Thomas Steere Jonathan Harris & Benjamin Slocum
Swanſey Jobi Chaſe & Theophilus Shove
Southkingston John Collins & Thomas Hazzard

The Commitee Appointed by the Last Quarterly Meeting to hear and Determin the Matter Between Christopher Gifford and William Woddle Make Return as followeth, We having Mett and heard their Allegations on Both Sides and Received all their papers and Conſidered their Evidences, Our mind and Judgment is that the Sd Christopher Gifford do Immediately pay or Cauſe to be paid to the Said William Woddle the full Sume of one hundred & thirty Seven pounds Old Tenor

Newport ye 14 of ye 6 mo 1760

Peter Barker
John Proud
Timothy Waterhouſe
James Mitchel
Jacob Barney

Christopher Gifford Deſired an Appeal from Sd Judgment to the Next Yearly Meeting, this Meeting not being free to grant, Do Refer Sd Matter to the Next Quarterly Meeting, Advising Sd Gifford to Comply with Sd Judgment, or to propoſe the Settling thereof By Refering it to men, Between this and our Next Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting taking Cognizanſe of the Appeal of Steven Chapman from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield do Appoint our friends James Chaſe James Mitchel Humphry Smith Abraham Tucker Jethro Coleman Steven Hoxsey & Jacob Mott to here and Determin the Matter and mke Report to the Adjournment of this Meeting the Major part Agreeing to be a Judgment

We Received Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries, which were Read in this Meeting Some of which were to Satisfaction but as there yet Appears Many Deficiencies friends are Deſireed to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

The Several Monthly Meetings have Ordered the following Sumes of Money for Defraying the Charge of Providence Meeting House Vizt

RhodeIsland Ordered to be paid by Samuel Easton out of this Meeting Stock	£ 500-0-
Dartmouth hath Delivered to Jonathan Harris	163-11-
Greenwich hath Delivered to Thomas Aldrich	146-11-8
Nantucket hath Delivered to Jonathan Harris	60-0-
Smithfield hath Delivered to the Commitee	430-7-
Swansey hath Delivered to Jonathan Harris	26-14-9
Southkingston hath Delivered to Jonathan Harris	37-18-4
The whole Amount is	£1365-2-9

And it Appears that the whole Charge of Sd Repairing Amounts to £7018-14-7 and this and the former Collections Amounts to £4970-0-7 So that there still Remains unpaid £2048-14- Towards the payment of which this Meeting Desires the Several Monthly Meetings freely to Contribute and Bring Sd Contributions to our Next Quarterly Meeting

We Recd the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting which was Read and kindly Accepted and the Advice therein Contained We Recommend to the Observation of friends in General

Thomas Hazzard William Lake John Dockzey Abraham Barker Joseph Proud & John Goddard, are Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull and Bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting Meeting is Adjourned to the Seventh hour to Morrow Morning

Friends Being Mett According to Adjournment

Our Friends John Storer from England, Samuel Eastburn from Pensylvina, John Woolman from the Jersey Ann Gant and Mary Readman from the West Jersey Being all on a Religious Visit to these parts, Certificates Being prepaired for them and Read in this Meeting were Agreed to and Signed Being Directed as follows

That for John Storer to the Monthly Meeting of Nottingham in Old England

That for Samuel Eastburn to ye Monthly Meeting of Buckingham in Pensylva

That for John Woolman to the Monthly Meeting of Burlington in West Jerseys

That for Ann Gant to the Monthly Meeting at Little Eggharbour in West Jerseys

That for Mary Readman to the Monthly Meeting at Haddingfield in West Jerseys

The folloing Epistles were Read in this Meeting to the Comfort and Satisfaction of friends to wit
One printed and one Written Epistle from the yearly Meeting at London in the year 1759
One Written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Penſylvania 1759
And one Written Epistle from Long Island of the preaſent year

The Comittee Appointed on the Appeal of Steven Chapman Make the following Report, We having heard S. Chapman Vindications and the Monthly Meeting & weightily Conſidered that affair Give it as our Judgment that the Monthly Meeting had just cauſe to Disown S. Chapman

James Chaſe
James Mitchel
Humphry Smith
Abraham Tucker
Jethro Coleman
Steven Hoxsey
Jacob Mott

Steven Chapman Deſired an Appeal to the Next Yearly Meeting from Said Judgment which is Granted

The Committee Appointed for the Repairing of Providence Meeting Houſe & Yard are Deſired to State their Perticular Accots and Bring them to the Next Quarterly Meeting

The Yearly Meeting Being under a waity Concern on Account of the Provailling Evil Amongst Divers proffeſsing with us of Being Concerned in Lotteries, this Meeting therefore Can Do no leſs then Earnestly Recommend to the Several Quarterly ~~Meetings~~ and Monthly Meetings that they Do Advise Such of their Members who have Been Concerned any ways therein that they Do Discist from that practiſe for the future

Eight Dollars Being Requested by the Yearly Meeting from this Meeting, the Money was Raised in this Meeting and Ordered to be Delivered to John Wanton

Epistles Directed to our Several Monthly Meetings were here produced and Siged by the Clark in Behalf of the Meeting

After which the Meeting Adjourns to the Useal time of holding it at portsmouth in the Tenth Month Next there to Meat Again if the Lord permitts

81 Att our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on RhodeIsland ye 9 of ye 10 Mo: 1760

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Called there Repreſentatives are

Rhode Island Thomas Goold
Dartmouth Peleg Smith & Joseph Tucker
Greenwich John Greene & Thomas Comstock Junr
for Nantucket Sylvanus Huſsey
Sithfield Uriah Morey Benjamin Slocum & George Smith
Swanſey none preſent
South Kingston none preſent

The Matter Relaitting Christopher Gifford & William Woddle is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting they not Being preſent

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings Except South Kingston who informs that there Meetings for Worship and Discipline is kept up and Carried on in a Good Degrea of Love and Condecention

RhodeIsland Greenwich Nantucket & Swanſey Monthly Meetings Sent Anſwers to there Queries which were Read in this Meeting Some of which were to Satisfaction, but as there Yet Appears Many Dificiancees, friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment.

RhodeIsland Monthly Meeting Raised for Boston Meeting Houſe
one hundred Dollars - which is in Old tenor £ 600 - 0 - ...... Do to
Greenwich Monthly Meeting Raised for Do £ 92 - 15 - 4 Old tenor Joseph Jacob
Nantucket Monthly Meeting Raised 30 Dollars 180 - 0 - in old tenor
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Raised Sent to Boston
Seventy five pounds 12/6 Province Old tenor -- 201 - 13 - 4 our old tenor
£ 1074 - 8 - 8 in RhodeIsland Money

Greenwich Monthly Meeting Raised for Providence Meeting Houſe
£ 40 - 17 - 7
Nantucket Monthly Meeting Raised 5 Dollars .... 30 - 0 - Delivered to
Smithfield Monthly Meeting Raised .... 124 - 0 - Benjn Slocum
£ 194 - 17 - 7

By Epistle from Rhodeisland Monthly Meeting Recommended to this Meetings Conſideration the Method of propotioning the Arrears of Providence Meeting Houſe and yard, which was Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting

The Matter Relating the Commitee Appointed for Providence Meeting Houſe and yard, in Bringing in their perticular Accots is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting

By Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Desireing this Meetings Opinion and Judgment wheather it be warentable for friends to take up Land at Noverſcotia Latly inhabited by the french, this Meeting hath Conſidered the Same, and Conclude to Refer the Same to our Next yearly Meeting

Recd two Certificates which were Read Approved & Signed
one for Elizabeth Shipley Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Willmington in Penſylvania
one for Hannah Foster Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Haddonfield in the Jerseys,

friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull are Abraham Barker James Easton and Jacob Mott Junr, who are to bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed

This Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow ye 10 Instant

Friends Being Mett According to Adjournment

Epistles Directed to the Several Monthly Meetings were here Produced and Signed by the Clerk in Behalf of the Meeting

83 Att a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newpor
on RhodeIsland ye 8 of ye 5 Mo 1761

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging
being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
RhodeIsland James Chaſe Abraham Anthony
James Mitchel and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker
John Moſher & John Ruſsell ye 3d
Greenwich none preſent
Nantucket None preſent
Smithfield Jonathan Harriſs Benjamin Slocum
and Benjamin Arnold
Swanſey Philip Chaſe
Southkingston Thomas Wilbore Joseph Congdon
John Collins Thomas Hazard & Solomon Hoxsey

the Matter Relating Christopher Gifford & William Woddle
is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting and P. Gifford
is Desired to Attend the Meeting

the Commitee Appointed by this Meeting to Settle Accots
with the Commitee who was Appointed to Repair Providenc
Meeting Houſe and Yard are, Edward Thurston John
Dockrey Thomas Hazard Humphry Smith and
Philip Chaſe, who are to make Return to our Next
Quarterly Meeting

the Matter Relating propotioning the Arrears of Providence
Meeting Houſe and Yard is Refered to our Next Quarterly
Meeting

Recd Epistles from the Monthly Meetings Except Greenwich
and Nantucket, who Informs that their Meetings for
Worship and Discipline is kept up and Carried on in Love

Love and Condecention, Rhodeisland and Southkingston Monthly Meetings have Sent Anſwers to their Queries Some of which are to Satisfaction but as there yet Apears many Dificiances fiend are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

by Epistle from Southkingston Monthly Meeting which informs that they Granted Samuel Rodman an Appeal from the Judgment of their Meeting to this Meeting

James Mitchel James Chaſe Isaac Lawton Abraham Tucke Theophilas Shove Jacob Mott Junr. Jabish Carpenter and Joseph Tucker, are Appointed a Commitee to here and Determin the Appeal Brought from Southkington Monthly Meeting by Samuel Rodman, the Majour part of them Agreeing to be a judgment and make Report to this Meeting to Morrow at the Adjournment

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull are, Timothy Walterhouſe John Goddard & Oliver Hull who are to bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed

this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelveth hour tomorrow ye 9 Instant

Friends Being Mett According to Adjournment

Friends appointed to hear the Appeal of Samuel Rodman from the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Southkingston made Report to this Meeting, which Confirmed the judgment of Southkingston Monthly Meeting

by Epistle from Southkingston Monthly Meeting informing that they have Colected and Delivered to the Commitee for the Use of Providence Meeting Houſe and yard ye Sume of £18-5-8 and Also Colected for Boston Meeting Houſe ye Sume of £48--0--10 which was Deliver,d to Joseph Jacob

Samuel Rodman not being satisfyed with the Judgment of this Meeting, Deſire,d an Appeal to our Yearly Meeting Next, which was Granted by this Meeting

the Epistles for Each Monthly Meeting was Brought to this Meeting and Read Approved and Signed by the Clerk

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Att a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Portsmouth on RhodeIsland the 9 of the 4 Month 1761

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Called their Reprſentatives are

For

RhodeIsland Jacob Mott James Easton Abraham Barker & Abraham Anthony
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Peter Davel & Philip Tripp
Greenwich James Greene Benjamin Congdon and Nathanael Greene
Nantucket Silvanus Huſsey & Elikei Coleman
Smithfield Uriah Mory Thomas Stear Jonathan Harris Benjamin Slocum and Benjamin Arnold
Swanſey Job Anthony and Philip Chaſe
Southkingston Thomas Willbore & Stephain Hoxsey

Christopher Gifford Desired an appeal from the Judgment of our Quarterly Meeting against him held at Newport on RhodeIsland ye 10 of ye 7 Mo 1760 to our Yearly Meeting Next Which was Granted to C. Gifford by this Meeting and Abraham Barker is Appointed to Notify William Woddle

The Committee Appointed by our Last Quarterly Meeting to Settle Accots with the Committee that was Appointed to Repair Providence Meeting and yard
Made Reporte to this Meeting that they had Settled the Accots and there Remains a Ballance Due to the Committee from this Meeting of £2122~4~6

The Committee Appointed to propotion the Arreas of Providence Meeting Houſe and Yard, are the Reprſentatives of Each Month Meeting, who made Return to this Meeting that RhodeIsland
Monthly Meetings part is -------- £1000-0-
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting part is ---- 287-0-
Greenwich Monthly Meeting part is 145-0-
Nantucket Monthly Meeting part is ---- 200-0-
Smithfield Monthly Meeting part is ---- 200-9-6
Swanſey Monthly Meeting part is ... 150-0-
Southkingston Monthly Meeting part is 140-0-
£2122-9-6

Recd Epistles from all our Monthly Meetings informing that their Meetings for Worship and Discipline is kept up and Caried on in Love and Condecention With Anſwers to their Queries Some of which are to Good Satisfaction, but there yet Appears many Dificiancies therefore friends are Deſire,d to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

By Epistle from Smithfield Monthly Meeting informing that it was likly to be of Advantage to alter their Yearly Meeting and Begin the Six Day before the forth first Day at Warwick and at Providence the Seven Day following and at Smithfield on first Day of the Eight Month Which is Recommended up to our Yearly Meeting

Certificate produced in this Meeting for our Worthy Friend Jane Crosfield Directed to the Monthly Meeting held at Kindal in Westmoland in Old England; which was Read Approved and Signed

Friends Appointed to Attend the Yearly Meeting Draw ye Epistle are James Easton Abraham Anthony Abraham Tucker James Greene Elihu Coleman Uriah Mory Theophilus Shove & Thomas Hazard, and Bring it to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull are Abraham Barker Isaac Lawton Pelig Smith & Joseph Congdon and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to Morrow to be Signed

This Meeting is Adjourned to ye 12 hour to Morrow ye 10 Instant

This Meeting Met according to Adjournment

The Committee appointed to Rectify the Mistake if there be any in the Settlement of the Acct of Providence Meeting House and Yard are James Easton Thomas Hazzard John Dockray & David Earl & make Returns to our Next Quarterly Meeting

The Epistle to the Yearly Meeting and the Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings was brought to this Meeting & Read Approved of & Signed by the Clerk

William Cozzens and David Earl are Appointed to See that Each Monthly Meeting furnish them Selves with a Coppey of our English Book of Discipline

The Business of this Meeting now Being Over and for the Many favours Recd we with thankfull harts take Leave of Each Other and purpose if the Lord permitts to meet Again at Newport the Ninth Day of ye 7 Mo 1761

Att a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on RhodeIsland ye 9o of ye 7 Mo 1761

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging being Called their Representatives are

For
RhodeIsland Peter Barker Abraham Anthony
James Easton Adam Lawton & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Joseph Tucker & Philip Tripp
Greenwich John Greene & David Greene
Nantucket Barnabas Coleman
Smithfield Thomas Steer & Benjamin Slocum
Swansey Theophilus Shove & John Hathway
South Kingston Thomas Hazard & Joseph Congdon

Received the Epistle from the Last Yearly Meeting held at Newport which was Read and kindly Accepted in which it is Desired that no friend take up Land Lately inhabited by the french at Noviscotia untill the Judgment of Next Yearly Meeting be had- they inform by said Epistle that Stephen Chapman not Appearing to prosecute his Appeal there was no Notice taken of it

Likewise the Appeal of Christopher Gifford was Considered and was Concluded that Sd Gifford pay to Wm Wodle the Sum of one hundred & Thirty Seven pounds Old Tenor

Also it was Concluded that Providence Yearly Meeting be altered According to the Request of RhodeIsland Quarterly Meeting in the following Manner 6 Day at Warwick 7 Day at Providence & 1 Day at Smithfield in ye 8 Mo

Also that the Money Raised for a publick Stock is Nigh Expended and its Recomended to the Several Quarterly Meeting to Assist in Raising Another Stock and its Desired that the Quarterly Meeting of RhodeIsland pay the Sum of Twenty Dollars which is propotioned as follows RhodeIsland 9 Do Dartmouth 2½ Do Greenwich 1¾ Nantucket 2 Smithfield 2 Swansey 1 South Kingston 1¾

There was Read in this Meeting to Good Satisfaction the following Epistles one printed and one Written from London for ye year 1760 one printed & one Written from Pennſilvania for ye year 1760 also one Written Epistle from Long Island the Written Epistles are Ordered to be Transcribed and Sent Down to the Several Monthly Meetings

We Read Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings by which they Inform that they have paid the Several Sums propotioned to them for Repairing Providence Meeting Houſe

Rhode Island Nantucket & South Kingston have Sent Anſwers to the Queries which were Read in this Meeting Some of which were to prety Good Satiſffaction Others were Not So, therefore friends Care is still Desired to Labour for Amendmen

Our Friends Joseph Congdon John Hadwen Stephen Hoxsie John Goddard & Thomas Wilbor are Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and Bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed

Our Friends Jabez Carpenter William Lake & John Dockray are Appointed to Tranſcribe the written Epistles from London Pennſilvania & Long Island and Deliver the tranſcripts to Joseph Proud in Order to be Sent to the Several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Ninth hour tomorrow Morning
Friends Mett According to Adjournment

the Committee Apointed to Rectify the Mistake in the Settlement of the Acct of Providence Meeting houſe make report that they find now due to the Committee that was Appointed to get the work Don the Sum of £374-9-3 Old tenor
which Sum is propotioned to the Several Monthly Meetings as follows Rhode Island £165 Dartmouth £45 Grenwich £40-9-3 Nantucket £35 Smithfield £45 Swanſey £20 South Kingston £24—
the Epistles for the Several Monthly Meetings was brought to this Meeting & Read Approved of & Signed by Thomas Aldrich
Clerk at this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on RhodeIsland ye 8 of ye 10 mo 1761

The several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are
RhodeIsland Samuel Collins Peter Barker Jacob Mott Junr and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Humphry Smith Ichabud Eady & Caleb Ruſsel
Greenwich James Greene Nathanael Greene & Thomas Comſtock
for— Nantucket Silvanus Huſsey & Jethro Coleman
Smithfield Benjamin Slocum & Benjamin Arnold
Swanſey Pawl Osborn & Job Anthony
SouthKingston Thomas Hazard & Joseph Congdon

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries, all but Swanſey which were Read in this Meeting, some of which are to good Satiſfaction others were not so well as could be Deſired therefore friends are Deſired to Labour for amendment

they also inform by said Epistles that the Money for Providence Meeting houſe is Anſwered, and Likewiſe the Money for the Yearly Meeting stock is Raised in order to Deliver John Wanton

Recd a Complaint brought by Oliver Earl against Swanſey Monthly Meeting, for Refuſeing of him an Appeal from a Judgment against him at their Monthly Meeting which is ordered to be sent Down in the Epistle to said Monthly Meeting that they may inform this Meeting why they Refuſed his Request

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings are Jacob Mott Junr Nathanael Greene Christopher Townſend & Jethro Coleman, and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be signed
this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow
this Meeting met According to the Adjournment
the Epistles for the Several Monthly Meetings was Signed in this Meeting, by Christopher Townſend Clerk for said Meeting this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on
Rhode Island ye 7 of ye 11mo 1762
the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging being
Called their Repreſentatives are

for
Rhode Island Jacob Mott Jabish Carpenter James
Mitchel & Peter Barker
Dartmouth John Mosher Jonathan Huſsey & Ichabud Eady
Greenwith Nathanael Greene David Grene & Ephraim
Congdon
Nantucket none preaſent
Smithfield Jonathan Harris Benjn Slocum & Benjn Arnold
Swansey Job Anthony Philip Chaſe & Edward Shove
South Kingston Peleg Peckham & Thomas Hazard

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings, (Except
Nantucket) Rhode Island Greenwich & Swanſey and
Southkingston Sent Answers to the Queries, some of which
are to preety Good satisfaction, Others are not so well as
could be Desired, therefore friends are Deſired to Continue
in alabour for Amendment, and thoſe other Meetings that
have not Anſwered the Queries are Deſired to be more
Carefull for the future
Granted two Certificates
one for Susannah Hatton Directed to the Men & Womens
Meeting in the City of Waterford in Ireland
one for Susanah Brown Directed to the Monthly Meeting
of friends in Philidelphia, which were Read Approved
and Signed in this Meeting
Recd one Certificate of our Esteamed friend Robert Willis from
from the Monthly Meeting of Woodbridge in Newjersey
which was Read to Satisfaction

James Chaſe James Mitchel & Jacob Mott Junr are
Appointed a Committee to Joyn with the Committee of
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in Conſairance in Settleing
the Boundries between the two Quarterly Meetings, or making
an Addition of friends Living on the East side of Aquishnut
River, and make Report to our next Quarterly Meeting

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings, and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be signed, are John Hadwen Peleg Peckham John Dockrey Timothy Waterhouſe & Joseph Proud

This Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorow
this Meeting Met According to Adjournment
the Complaint Brought by Oliver Earl Against Swansey Monthly Meeting is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting
the Matter brought by the Epistle of Smithfield Monthly Meeting Relating a Regulation of our Monthly Meetings is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting
the friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings brought them to this Meeting and they were Read Approved of and Signed by David Earl Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Pourtsmouth on RhodeIsland ye 8 of ye 4mo 1762

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
RhodeIsland James Easton John Wanton Jacob Mott Junr Isaac Lawton & James Mitchel
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Humphry Smith & Caleb Ruſsell
Greenwich James Grene Nathanael Grene & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Elihu Coleman & William Huſsey
Smithfield Benjamin Slocum & Jabish Wing
Swansey Edward Shove & Job Anthony
SouthKingston Steven Hoxsey

The Committee Appointed to Joyn with the Committee of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in Conferance in Settleing the Bounderies Between RhodeIsland Quarterly Meeting and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings made Report that Aquishnut River is best to be their Boundries to say all friends on the East Side of sd River to be under the Care of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting which is Refered to ye Yearly Meeting for their Approbation

The Committee Appointed to hear and Determin upon the Complaint brought by Oliver Earl against Swansey Monthly Meeting are Thomas Aldrich Daniel Goddard William Anthony Benjamin Slocum & Humphry Smith and make Return to our Next Quarterly Meeting

The matter Relating the Regulating of the Monthly Meetings is Refered to our next Yearly Meeting, ~~and for to Appoint~~ and for to Appoint a Committee to Visit Each Monthly Meeting

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries some of which are to Good Satisfaction others are not so well as could be Desired, therefore friends are Desired to Continue in alaboar for Amendment

Recd two Memorials from Nantucket Monthly Meeting and also the Suffering of friends from sd Meeting which are Refered to our Next Yearly Meeting

friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are, Adam Lawton Joseph Hull Abraham Barker & Gyles Lawton, friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Yearly Meeting are Jacob Mott James Easton Joseph Tucker Humphry Smith Elihu Coleman Nathanael Greene Thomas Aldrich Benjamin Slocum Thomas Hazard Stephain Hoxsey Theophilus Shove Christopher Townsend and Nathanael Greene and to Attend the Yearly Meeting

This Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow

Friends being mett by Adjournment

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and the Epistle to the Yearly brought them to this Meeting and they were Read Approved of, and Signed in behalf of sd Meeting by — David Earl Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on RhodeIsland ye 8 of ye 7 Mo 1762

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
RhodeIsland James Easton James Chaſe
James Mitchel & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Philip Trypp & Ichabud Eady
Greenwich James Greene Thomas Aldrich & Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket Jethro Coleman
Smithfield Benjamin Slocum & Daniel Cooke
Swansey Job Chaſe Edward Shove & John Hathaway
SouthKingston Joseph Congdon & Peleg Peckham

The Complaint Brought by Oliver Earl against Swansey Monthly Meeting to our Last Quarterly Meeting is with Drawn by Oliver Earl

Recd two Epistles from London one printed Dated 1761 one Written Dated 1761 Recd one Epistle from Philadelphia Dated 1761 Recd one Epistle from Flushing Dated 1762 Recd one Epistle from RhodeIsland Yearly Meeting Dated 1762 they were all Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction and are to be tranſcribed and Sent Down to Each Monthly Meeting to their Notice and Observation

Recd Epistles from Each Monthly Meeting RhodeIsland Dartmouth Nantucket & SouthKingston Monthly Meetings Sent Anſwers to the Queries Some of which are to Good Sattisfaction Others are not so well as Could be Desired therefore they are Desired to still Continue in a Labour for amendment

Greenwich Smithfield & Swanſey Monthly Meetings have not Sent Anſwers to the Queries therefore they are Deſired to be more Carefull for the futture in sending Anſwers to the Queries

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles and tranſcribe the Yearly Meetings Epistles for Each Monthly Meetings and bring them and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are, Joseph Proud John Goddard John Dockrey William Lake Peleg Peckham & Abraham Barker

This Meeting is Adjourned to the first hour in ye After Non tomorow

this Meeting Mett by Adjournment

The Commitee Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and Tranſcribe the Several Yearly Meetings Epistles, produced them in this Meeting and they were Read and approved of and Signed by David Earl Clerk

Recd a Certificate of our Worthy friend John Pemberton from the Monthly Meeting held at Philidelphia Dated ye 28 of ye 5 mo 1762 which was Read and well Accepted by this Meeting

Granted three Certificates at this Meeting one for our Worthy friend Hannah Harris Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Pardshowhall in Cumberland in Great Brittain one for our Worthy friend Elizabeth Wilkinson Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Pardshowhall in Comberland in Great Brittain one for our Worthy friend John Pemberton Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Philidelphia

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At a Quarterly Meetings of friends held at Portsmouth on RhodeIsland ye 7 of ye 10 mo 1762

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

for

Rhode Island Jacob Mott Peter Barker James Easton and William Cozzens
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker Humphry Smith and Peter Davil
Greenwich James Greene Nathanael Greene & Benjn Congdon
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield Uriah Mory & Daniel Caſs
Swanſey Job Chaſe & John Hathaway
SouthKingston Thomas Hazard & Thomas Wilbour

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings; Except Nantucket, with Anſwers to the Queries, Some of which are to good Satiſfaction, Others not so well as could be Deſired therefore they are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for a Mendment

By Epistle from SouthKingston Monthly Meeting informing this Meeting that it is their Judgment that it will be for the best to Discontinue holding a yearly Meeting at SouthKingston and Westerly, which is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and Bring them to the Adjurnment of this Meeting to be Signed are William Anthony Nathanael Green Daniel Caſs & John Collins

This Meeting is Adjourned to the twelf hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met by Adjournment

the Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were Read and Signed in this Meeting by Isaac Lawton Clerk this time

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At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport on Rhode Island ye 13 of ye 1 Mo 1763

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belongin being Called Their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island James Chaſe Peter Barker James Mitchel and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Caleb Ruſsel & Philip Tripp
Greenwich David Greene & Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield none preſent
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Preſerved Brayton
South Kingston None preſent by Appointment

The Matter brought to our Last Quarterly Meeting from South Kingston Monthly Meeting to Discontinue holding a Yearly Meeting at South Kingston and Westerly is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting for ferther Conſideration

Recd Epistles from Rhode Island Greenwich Dartmouth Swanſey and South Kingston Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries Except Swanſey, Some of which were to Good Satisfaction others were Not, therefore friends are Deſired to Continue in a labour for amendment, and where any friend is Appointed to Repreſent their Monthly Meeting they are Deſired to be Carefull to Attend or send Sufficiant Reſons

By Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informing that Sandwich Monthly Meeting Requested a List of the friends Set of to their Meeting by our Last Yearly Meeting which was all to the Eastward of Aquishnut River, and it is the Judgment of this Meeting that all Such friends procure a Certificate from Dartmoutth Monthly meeting and Said Meeting is to Deal with all that is are under tranſgreſsion

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull, and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are Jabish Carpenter Philip Tripp Ephraim Congdon & Preserved Brayton

This Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow

this Meeting Met According to Adjournment

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings brought them to this Meeting and they were Read and Signed in Behalf of Said Meeting by David Earl Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island ye 7 of th 4mo 1763

the Several Monthly Meetings there to Belonging being Called their Representatives are

Rhode Island	Jacob Mott John Dockrey and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth	Joseph Tucker Humphry Smith Peter Davil and Philip Tripp
Greenwich	James Green Nathanael Green & Thomas Comstock
Nantucket	Silvanus Hussey & Elisha Colman
Smithfield	Uriah Morey & Benjamin Slocum
Swansey	Theofilus Shove & Philip Chase
South Kingston	John Collins Thomas Wilbore Solomon Hohssey & Thomas Hazard

the matter Brought from South Kingston Monthly Meeting to Discontinu holding a yearly Meeting at South Kingston and Westerly is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting for Further Consideration

Received two Memorials one From Smithfield Monthly Meeting Conserning our Worthy Friend Moses Aldrich and one from Nantucket Monthly Meeting Concerning our Worthy Friend Prisilla Coleman which ware Read and Orderd to be Sent up to our Yearly Meeting to be Read and Recorded if approved

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries Some of Which are to good Sattisfaction Others are Not So well as Could be Desired therefore friends are Desired to Continnue in a Labour of love for amendmt

Friends appoint'd to Attend the Yearly Meeting are Jacob Mott John Dockrey Joseph Tuker Humphry Smith James Green Silvanus Hussey Uriah Mory Theophilas Shove John Collins

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings Recommending the Needfull and Bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to Be Signed are Isaac Lawton Joseph Congdon Abraham Barker Thomas Hazard and John Collins and also an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting - - - - - - - -

As Oliver Earl of Swansey Brought a Complaint against that Monthly Meeting that they have not Treat'd or Dealt with him agreable to the good Rules and Orders Establish'd among Friends and Whose names are herto Entor'd are appoint'd a Committee to here and Determin the Mattor Aleged by Said Earl the Magor Part agreeing to be a Judgment Uriah Mory Thomas Wilbor Petor Davil John Dockrey Joseph Congdon and Make Return to our Next Quarterly Meeting this Meeting is Adjourn'd to the twelfth hour to Morrow - - - - -

This Meeting being Met by Adjournment an Appistle to the Yearly Meeting and also Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings ware Red approved of & Signed in this Meeting By Isaac Lawton Clark for this time

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the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Called their Representatives are

For
RhodeIsland Jame Easton James Mitchel Abraham Barker & Jacob Mott Junr
Dartmouth. Peleg Smith Caleb Russel Paul Russel & Philip Tripp
Greenwich John Greene & Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket Barnabas Coleman
Smithfield Uriah Mory & Benjamin Arnold
Swansey Job Anthony & Philip Chase
SouthKingston Stephain Horsey John Collins & Thos Wilbore

The matter Brought from SouthKingston Monthly Meeting to Discontinue holding a yearly Meeting at SouthKingston and Westerly is Refered to our Next Quarterly for further Consideration

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries, some of which are to good Satisfaction Others are not so well as Could be Desired therefore friends are Desired to Continue in a Laboure for amendment

The Committee Appointed to hear and Determin the Matter Between Oliver Earl and Swansey Monthly Meeting made Report to this Meeting which was Accepted and is as follow:
it is our Judgment that if Sd Earl Do read Sd paper of Condemnation or Deliver it to Some Friend to Read) he being (Preasent) at the End of a first Day Meeting to which he Doth Belong and also Condem his mis Conduck to Sd Monthly Meeting for Neglecting to Read Sd paper When he first Recd it, that then the Monthly Meeting Do Accept thereof for full Satisfaction in that Case, and if they have any New Matter against Sd Earl that they Deale with him therefor Seperately in a spirit of Love and Condecention, which we fear has been much wanting in the parties on both Sides of the Case according to the Good Rules and Order of our Society

Joseph Congdon Uriah Mory
John Dockray Peter Devol
Thomas Wilbore

Recd the Yearly Meeting Epistle and Also the Epistles therein Mentioned Also one Epistle from Samuel Eastbourn and John Woolman of Philadelphia Dated ye 28 of ye 3 mo 1763 Which were Read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, and as they Contain Good and Wholsom Counsil and Advice they are Ordered to be Sent Down to the Several Monthly Meetings and Recommended to their Notice and Observation

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and Also Transcribe the Several Yearly Meeting Epistle and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed, are William Lake Stephain Hoxsey Philip Tripp Joseph Proud John Dockray John Goddard George Lawton and William Cozzens

This Meeting is Adjourned to the Twelfth hour tomorow

This Meeting met by Adjournment

The Epistles for the Several Monthly Meetings were Read in this Meeting and Approved of and Signed by

David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on RhodeIsland ye 13 of ye 10 mo 1763

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging being Called their Representatives are

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RhodeIsland Peter Barker James Easton Adam Lawton and James Mitchel
Dartmouth Humphry Smith Philip Tripp & Wm Anthony Junr
Greenwich John Briggs & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Jethro Folger
Smithfield Thomas Steere & Moses Farnon Junr
Swansey Job Chase & Edward Upton
SouthKingston Thomas Wilbour & Joseph Congdon

The Matter Brought from SouthKingston Monthly Meeting to Discontinue holding a Yearly Meeting at SouthKingston and Westerly is Refered to our Next Yearly Meeting for their Judgment

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings all with Answers to the Queries Except Smithfield Monthly Meeting Some of which are to Good Satisfaction but Others are Not so well as Coold be Desired therefore friends is Desired to Continue

In a Labour for Amendment, and Smithfield Monthly Meeting is Desired to be more Carefull for the future in Answering the Queries

We Recd a Request from Nantucket Monthly Meeting Concerning Granting Certificates for friends Moved or Moveing to Noviscotia on Lands formerly Improved by the French which is Refered to our Yearly Meeting for their Judgment

The Appeal granted to Daniel Mory by Smithfield Monthly Meeting from a Judgment of that Meeting in behalf of Benjamin Arnold was Lade Before this Meeting and a Commitee Appointed to here and Determin the Appeal whose Names are as follows Humphry Smith Abraham Anthony Thomas Wilbore James Chase and Philip Tripp and bring their Judgment to the Adjournment of this Meeting or as Soon as Possible to be come at

By Epistle from Swansey Monthly Meeting informing that they Desired Anappeal from the Judgment of our Last Quarterly Meeting Between Oliver Earl and their Meeting, which is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are Isaac Lawton Thomas Aldrich John Collins and William Anthony ~~Junr~~

This meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting Mett According to Adjournment

the Representatives all present except Adam Lawton & Jame Mitchel

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by Isaac Lawton Clerk
for this Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on RhodeIsland ye 12 of ye 1 Mo 1764

The Severar Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging Being Called there Repreſentatives are

For
RhodeIsland James Chaſe Jacob Mott Abraham Anthony and Thomas Gould
Dartsmouth Humphry Smith & William Anthony Junr
Greenwich Benjamin Congdon Ephraim Congdon and Thomas Gould
Nantucket None preſent
Smithfiel None preſent by Epistle
Swanſey Philip Chaſe and Edward Upton
SouthKingston John Collins and Stephain Hoxsey

The Appeal that was Requested by Swanſey Monthly Meeting from a Judgment of our Last Quarterly Meeting is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting.

The Appeal Granted to Daniel Mory by Smithfield Monthly Meeting in Behalf of Benjamin Arnold is Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting, and the Committee appointed at our Last Quarterly Meeting is Still Continued

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings all Except Nantucket and Smithfield, with Anſwers to the Queries, Some of which are to Good Satiſfaction Others are Not So well as Could be Deſired therefore friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for amendment

Frinds Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are, Ephraim Congdon John Goddard Stephain Hoxsey Joseph Proud John Dockray and George Lawton

This meeting is Adjourned tomorrow the twelfth hour

This Meeting Mett According to Adjournment
Recd Epistles for the Severar Monthly Meetings and were Read in in this Meeting Approved of and Signed by David Earl Clerk.
Recd a Number of Proposals for Reprinting George Fox Journals from London with the Directions from there Meeting for Sufferings and have Sent a Coppay of theſe Directions to Each Quarterly Meeting and one printed propoſial for Each Monthly Meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth
on Rhode Island ye 12th of ye 4 Mo 1764

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonginging
Being Called their Representatives are

Rhode Island James Easton James Michel Isaac Lawton
and Peter Barker —
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Peleg Smith Peter
Devel & Samuel Smith
Greenwich Nathaniel Green —
Nantucket Elihu Coleman
Smithfield Moses Farmum Benjamin Slocum
& Thomas Steer
Swansey Edward Upton & Jacob Anthony
South Kingston Solomon Hoxsey & John Collins

The Appeal that was Requested by Swansey Monthly meeting from a Judgment of our Qurterly Meeting to our Yearly Meeting Next. is Granted, and John Dochry Peter Devel Thomas Wilebor are appointed to Defend the Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting at the Yearly Meeting —

Received Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries Some of which were to Good Satisfaction others were not so well as Could be Desired therefore friends are Desired to Continue in a Labour of Love for Amendment

Friends Appointed to Attend the Yearly Meeting are James Easton Joseph Tucker Nathaniel Green — Elihu Coleman Moses Farnum Edward Upton Solomon Hoxsey

~~to the Yearly Meeting and~~

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Yearly Meeting and to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are. Isaac Lawton John Collins Samuel Smith Abraham Barker

It is the Judgment of this Meeting that Each Monthly Meeting Send up to the Yearly Meeting the Whole Money for George Foxs Journell

This Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour to morrow

This Meeting being not by Adjournment

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approved of and Signed by Isaac Lawton Clark for this Day

The appeal brought by Daniel Mowry Junr from a Judgment of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was Issued in the following manner One of the Committee being absent the parties agreed that three or the Major part of three Should Determine the Case which was done by Confirming the Judgment of Smithfield monthly Meeting

This Meeting is Adjourn'd to the 24th of this Instant at the Conclusion of the Monthly Meeting

This Meeting met According to Adjourment

the minutes nor Clerk not being present this Meeting is Adjourn'd to the 29 of ye 5mo at the Close of ye Monthly Meeting ------------ Jacob Mott Junr Clerk

this Meeting Met According to Adjournment this Day

Recd the Epistle for ye Yearly Meeting which was Read and Approv'd of and Signed in Behalf of said Meeting by

David Earl Clerk

All a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport
on Rhode Iſland ye 12 of th 7mo 1764 —

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging
Being Called their Repreſentatives are

Rhode Iſland Abraham Anthony Peter Barker
and Iſaac Lawton

Dartmouth Peleg Smith Humphry Smith and
Philip Tripp - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Greenwich Ephraim Congdon and Thomas Aldrich

Nantucket Pollard Philip — — — —

Smith Field Uriah Mory and Daniel Southwick

Swanſey Theophilus Shove and Philip Chaſe

South Kingston John Collins Peleg Peckham and
Joſeph Congdon — — — — —

Rec'd Epistles From the Several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries Except Rhode Iſland Some of Which are to good Sattiſfaction but Others are Not So Well as Could be Deſire'd therefore Friends are Deſir'd to Continue in A Labour for amendment

Receiv'd one Print'd Epiſtle and one Writen Epiſtle From London and one Epiſtle From Penſilvania and also our Last Yearly meeting Epiſtle which was Read in this Meeting to good Sattiſfaction and as they Contain good and Wholsom adviſe and Council they are orderd to be Tranſcrib'd and Sent Down to Each Monthly Meeting For their Notis and Observation

Friends Appoint'd to Draw Epiſtles to the Severa Monthly Meetings and Tranſcribe the Several Yearly Meting Epiſtle and Bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Sign'd are William Lake Humphry Smith Peleg Peckham Philip Chaſe Uriah Mory Joſeph Proud

This meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour to Morrow

This Meeting Met according to adjournment
The Epiſtles For the Several Monthly Meetings ware
Red in this Meeting and approu'd of and Signd by
David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth
on Rhode Island ye 11 of ye 10 Mo 1764
the Several Meetings thereto Belongin were Called and
their Repreſentatives are

Rhode Island James Chaſe & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker & Philip Tripp
Greenwich Nathl Greene Ephraim Congdon & Thos Aldrich
Nantucket None preſent
For Smithfield Uriah Mory Tho Lapham & Benjn Arnold
Swanſey Edward Upton & Job Anthony
South Kingston John Collins & Solomon Hoxsey

Red Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with
Anſwers to the Queries, Some of which are to Good Satisfaction
but a Shortneſs in Many, therefore friends are Desired
to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

By Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Requesting
the Judgment of this Meeting wheather a friend in Unity
is Obliged to Leave any Differance Subsisting Between
them and one that is Not amember to Arbitration

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles and bring them
to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are
Isaac Lawton Thomas Aldrich Thomas Lapham
Ephraim Congdon & John Collins
this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow
this Meeting Met according to Adjournment

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were Read
Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by
Isaac Lawton Clerk for this Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held att Newport on Rhode Island ye 10 of ye 1 Mo 1765

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging were Called and their Repreſentatives are

Rhode Island Peter Barker Abraham Anthony
James Easton & James Chaſe
Dartmouth Philip Trypp Wm Anthony & Saml Smith
Greenwich none preſent
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield Benjamin Arnold
Swanſey none preſent
SouthKingston none preſent
by Reaſon of the Badneſs of the Weather.

Reed Epistles from RhodeIsland & Dartmouth with Anſwers to the Queries. Some of which are to Good Satiſfaction by on the whole many Diſiciancies therefore friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour of Love for Amendment and Also Epistle from Smithfield but no Anſwers to the Queries thereof they are Deſired to be more Carefull for the future

friends Appointed to Draw Epistles and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are Samuel Smith Joseph Proud & William Lake

this meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow
this Meeting met According to Adjournment

the Epistles for Each Monthly Meeting was Read in this Meeting and Approved of & Signed by
David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends hel at Portsmouth on Rhode Island ye 11 of ye 4 mo 1765

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging were Called and their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott Junr Isaac Lawton
Tho. Gould Junr & Peter Barker Junr
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Caleb Ruſses Peter Davel J
and William Anthony Junr
Greenwich James Greene Nathanaell Greene and
Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket None preſent
Smithfield Uriah Mory & Thomas Steere
Swanſey Theophilus Shove & Philip Chaſe
South Kingston Peter Davis & Thomas Rodman

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries Except Nantucket Some of which are to good Satiſfaction but on the whole Many Difficiencies therefore friend are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment

the Matter Propoſed by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting that the Anſwering the Queries be but once a year is Ordered back to that Meeting Deſireing their Reſons may be Sent to the Nex Quarterly Meeting

the Appeal brought by Job Howland in the Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting to our Last Quarter is brought to this Quarter for a hearing which is granted and our friends Thomas Steere Uriah Mory Ephraim Congdon Isaac Lawton & William Anthony are Appointed a Committee to hear and Determin the Matter the Majour part Agreeing to be a Judgment

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Yearly Meeting and Represent this Meeting are James Chase James Mitchel William Anthony Junr Joseph Tucker James Greene William Rock Uriah Mory Joseph Congdon Philip Chase & John Collins and bring the Epistle to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed and also the Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings

this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow

this Meeting Met According to Adjournment

the Committee Appointed to here and Determin the Appeal brought by Job Howland from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth make the following return

Agreeable to the Appointment of the Quarterly Meeting we the Subscribers have met on the Appeal of Job Howland from the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth and have heared Sd Howland and the Representatives from Sd Meeting and having Considered the matter Do Conferm the Judgment of Sd Monthly Meeting. ye 12 of ye 4 Mo 1765

Uriah Mory
Thomas Steere
William Anthony
Ephraim Congdon
Isaac Lawton

from which Judgment the Sd Job Howland Desired an Appeal to the Yearly Meeting which is Granted and this Meeting doth Appoint Thomas Steere William Anthony Junr & Isaac Lawton to Defend Sd Judgment

Epistles to the Several monthly Meetings were Read Approved and Signed in this Meeting by Isaac Lawton Clerk for this day

this meeting is Adjourned to the Last third day in the fifth Month Next after the Conclusion of the Monthly Meeting

Friends Met According to Adjournment

the Epistle to the Yearly Meeting was Read Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport on Rhode Island ye 11 of ye 7 mo 1765.

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging were Called and their Repreſentatives are

for
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Mitchel
Peter Barker & Adam Lawton
Dartmouth Humphry Smith Peter Davel Jos Davel
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene Ephraim Congdon
and Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Barnabus Coleman
Smithfield Joseph Allen
Swansey Job Chaſe & Theophilus Shove
South Kingston Solomon Hoxsey

Reced Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries all Except Rhode Island Some of which are to good Satisfaction but yet there Appears many Dificiances therefore friends are Desired to Continu in a Labour of Love for Amendment

Reced printed Epistles from London dated ye 1st of ye 6 mo 1764

Reced Epistle from our Yearly Meeting and tranſcripts from Philadelphia and Flushing Yearly Meeting which was Read in this Meeting to Good Satisfaction and as they Contain Wholsom Council and Advice they are Ordered to be tranſcribed and Sent Down to Each Monthly Meeting for their Notice & Observation

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & tranſcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistles are William Lake Humphry Smith Barnabas Coleman Joseph Allen and Thomas Aldrich

this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow

this Meeting met by Adjournment

Reced the Epistles for Each Monthly Meeting which were Read Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly meeting of friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island ye 11 of ye 10 Mo 1765

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging were Called and their Representatives are

or

Rhode Island James Chase Weston Hicks
Timothy Walterhouse & Joseph Proud
Dartmouth Caleb Russel
Grenwich Nathanaell Greene & Benjamin Congdon
Nantuckett None present
Sithfield Gideon Harris Benjn Arnold & Tho Lapham Junr
Swansey Job Chase & Daniel Baker
South Kingston John Collins & Joseph Congdon

Reed Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings Except Dartmouth & Nantucket with Answers to the Queries Except Rhode Island Epistle Some of which are to Satisfaction others are Not so well as Could be Desired therefore friends are Desired to Labour for Amendment

Reed an Appeal Granted Stephen Tripp from a Judgment of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting

Friends Appointed to here and Determin the Appeal Brought by Stephen Tripp are Caleb Russel Joseph Congdon Thomas Lapham Junr Benjamin Congdon & Gideon Harriss the Majour part of them agreeing to be a Judgment and are to bring it to the Adjourment of this Meeting

Friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are Isaac Lawton John Collins & Philip Wanton

this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow

this Meeting met According to Adjournment

Recd an Epiſtle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in which Caleb Ruſses & Peter Davel were Appointed Repreſentatives, and also ther Anſwers to the Queries Some of which were to Satisfaction others not So well

A Certificate on Behalf of our Worthy friend Robert Willis was Signed in this Meeting & Directed to the Monthly of Woodbrige in East Newjersey

the Committee Appointed to hear and Determin the Appeal brought by Stephen Tripp from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of RhodeIsland made the following Return
We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee to hear and Determin an Appeal brought by Stephen Tripp against RhodeIsland Monthly Meeting having heard their Allegations on both Sides and Conſidered the Same as well as we are Capable of, Do reverſe the Judgment of Sd Monthly Meeting and Reſtore him to Membership again Propoſing the following Method for Adjusting the Differance Between Sd Monthly Meeting and Sd Tripp that they Reciprocally Chooſe a Committee of friends of some Other Monthly Meeting or Meetings to Judg & Determin their aforesaid Differance which Method Apprehend to be Conſistant with the good Rules of our Society

Benjamin Congdon
Caleb Ruſsell
Gideon Harris
Joseph Congdon
Thomas Lapham Junr

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were Read Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by
Isaac Lawton Clerk for this Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport on RhodeIsland ye 9 of ye 1 Mo 1766

the Several Monthly Meetings thereto Belonging were Called and their Representatives are

RhodeIsland David Earl Peter Barker Junr
Thomas Gould Junr & Jacob Mott Junr
Dartmouth Caleb Russell Benja Tripp & Joseph Smith
Greenwich None present
Nantucket None present
Smithfield Thomas Lapham Junr
Swansey Theophilus Shove & Henry Bowers
SouthKington John Collins & Solomon Hoxsey

Reed Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings Except Greenwich & Nantucket in which Dartmouth Smithfiel & SouthKingston Sent Answers to the Queries Some of which are to Satisfaction but others are Not so well as Could be Desired therefore friends are Desired to Continue in a Labour of Love for Amendment

by Epistle from RhodeIsland Monthly Meeting Desireing an Appeal to our Yearly Meeting Next from a Judgment of our Last Quarterly Meeting against Sd Monthly Meeting in Behalf of Stephen Tripp which Request was granted and Refered to our Next Quarterly Meeting to Choose friends to Represent the Case to the yearly Meeting

friends Appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Ajournment of this Meeting to be Signed are William Lake Thomas Lapham Junr and Henry Bowers

this Meeting is Adjourned to the twelfth hour tomorrow
this Meeting met According to Adjournment

Reed the Epistles for the Several Monthly Meetings which was Read Approved of and Signed in this Meeting by

David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 10th of the 4th Mo 1766 ——

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging were Called & their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott Junr James Mitchell Thomas Gould Junr and Joseph Proud
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell Saml Smith Wm Anthony & Thos Hicks
Greenwich John Brigs Thomas Cumstock & Thomas Alderich
Nantucket Elihu Coleman & Matthew Bernard
Smithfield Uriah Mowry Benjn Slocum & James Cumstock
Swanſey Job Anthony & Preſerved Brayton
South Kingstown John Collins & Thomas Hazzard

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries Some of which are to good Satisfaction Others are not so well as Could be wished therefore Friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour of Love for Amendmt

Friends appointed to represent the Matter relating Stephen Tripp to the Yearly Meeting are Thos Alderich Uriah Mowry and William Anthony Jur

By Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Requesting that there may be a Monthly Meeting held at Acoakset for Discipline of both men & women friends this Meeting took the matter under Conſideration and do grant their request and the boundaries are as follows — Begining at the Southeastermost Corner of Benjn Wings homested farm from thence to Acoakset river as the line of Sd Benjamins Land goes thence Southerly by Sd river to the Sea, Again from said Corner thence Northerly in the line between the Villages of Poneganset and Acoakset until it comes to the Country Road, thence on a Straight line to the nearest part of the Westermost branch of Noquechuck River, thence by Sd branch of said River till it comes to Freetown Line

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and also an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting to be Sign'd are

Jacob Mott Jur. Caleb Ruſsell John Briggs Matthew Bernard and Benj.n Slocum Job Anthon & John Collins

Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting are James Mitchell Caleb Ruſsell Thomas Cumstock Elihu Coleman Uriah Mowry Preſerved Brayton & Thomas Haſzard

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the twelfth hour to morrow

This Meeting Met according to Adjournment —

Rec.d an Epistle to the Enſuing Yearly Meeting with anſwers to the Queries, and also Epistles to the Several Monthly Meet.s all which were read approved of and Sign'd By Jacob Mott Jur. as Clerk for this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 10th of the 7th Month 1766

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging were called and their Representatives are —

For
Rhode Island James mitchell Peter Barker & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Humphry Smith Abraham Tucker & Caleb Ruſsell
Greenwich James Green Nathanael Green & John Briggs
Nantucket Barnabas Coleman —
Smithfield Moſes Farnum Jur.
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Job Anthony
South Kingstown John Collins & Joseph Congdon
Acoakset Joshua Devaul & Israel Wood

By Epistle from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informing that they had granted Abraham Anthony an appeal from a Judgment of that Meeting which is receiv'd and the Friends appointed to hear and Determine the Matter are Humphry Smith Barnabas Coleman Moſes Farnum Jur. Philip Chaſe, John Collins & Joshua Devaul And are to bring their Judgm.t to the Adjournment of this Meeting, the Committee made report to this Meeting and is as follows —

Purſuant to appointment by this Quarterly Meeting to hear and Determine an appeal of Abraham Anthony from the Judgment of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting we met and heard the Allegations of both parties viewed the papers and Conſidered the Proceedings of S.d Monthly Meeting and all other Circumſtances Relative thereto We reverse the Judgm.t of said Monthly Meeting

Newport ye 10th of ye 7th Mo. 1766

Humphry Smith
Barnabas Coleman
Philip Chaſe
John Collins
Joshua Devaul
Moſes Farnum Jun.

Recd. Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries all except Rhode Island Some of which anſwers are to good Satisfaction yet in Others there appears many Deficiencies therefore Friends are desired to Labour for amendment ——

Recd one Epistle from Rhode Island Yearly Meeting and also Epistles and Transcripts from London Penſylvania and Long Island which was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction and as they contain good advice they are orderd to be tranſcribed and sent down to each Monthly Meeting.

Friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and tranſcribe the Several Yearly Meeting Epistles and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are Caleb Ruſsell Thomas Aldrich William Roach Thomas Lapham Jr. Job Anthony Joseph Congdon Philip Tripp & William Lake

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met according to adjournment ——

Granted three Certificates one for our Worthy Friend John Griffith Directed to the Monthly Meeting of Witham in Eſsex Old England — One for our Worthy Friend Thomas Gawthrop Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Kendal in Westmorland Old England — One for our Worthy Friend Thomas Roſs Directed to the Monthly Meeting at Wrights Town in Bucks County Penſylvania ——

Recd the Epistles for the Several Monthly Meetings which was read approved of and Sign'd by David Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island ye 9th of the 10th Month 1766

The Several Monthly Meetings there to belonging were Called and their Repreſentatives are —

For
Rhode Island Peter Barker & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Humphry Smith & Caleb Ruſsell
Greenwich Nathanael Greene & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Jethro Folger
Smithfield Benjamin Arnold & Jabez Wing
Swanſey Caleb Earl & Job Anthony
South Kingstown Stephen Hoxſie & Peleg Peckham
Acoakset Peter Devaul & Philip Tripp

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries Except Rhode Island and Swanſey some of which are to good Satisfaction but others are not so well as Could be Deſired therefore Friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment —

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are Isaac Lawton Humphry Smith Thomas Aldrich & Joseph Marſhal

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met according to Adjournment —

We having taken into Conſideration the too frequent Omiſſions in the Monthly Meetings sending up anſwers to the Queries agreeable to our Discipline Deſire that where any neglect therein may happen for the future, Care be taken to send up to the Quarterly Meeting the Cauſe thereof —

The Friends according to appointment preſented the Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings which was read approved of and Sign'd by Isaac Lawton Clerk for this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island ye 8th of ye 1st Month 1767

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island none preſent by appointment reaſon of the Extremity of the weather on the Monthly Meeting Day -
Dartmouth none preſent
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield none preſent
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Benjamin Davis
South Kingstown John Collins
Acoakset Philip Tripp

Recd Epistle from Greenwich but no anſwers to the Queries nor no reaſons given therefore they are Deſired to be more careful for the future — Recd Epistle from Swanſey but no anſwers to the Queries by reaſon of the Severety of the weather Recd Epistles from South Kingstown and Acoakset with anſwers to the Queries some of which anſwers are to good Satisfaction but others are not so well as could be desired therefore Friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour for Amendment — Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings recommending the needful and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting to be Signed are William Lake Ephraim Congdon & Philip Tripp

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting according to adjournment
The Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings was read approved of and sign'd in this Meeting by

David Earl Clerk

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The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Peter Barker James Easton & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Humphry Smith & Samuel Smith
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket Nathanael Coleman & Barnabas Coleman
Smithfield Benjn Slocum & Moſes Farnum Junr
Swanſey Edward Upton
South Kingstown Solomon Hoxsie & John Collins
Acoakset Philip Tripp & Israel Wood

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings Except Greenwich all with anſwers to the Queries Some of which are to good Satisfaction but others are not so well as Could be Deſired therefore Friends are Deſired to Continue in a Labour of Love for amendment

Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting to be Sign'd are Humphry Smith Moſes Farnum Samuel Smith Edward Upton Solomon Hoxsie Philip Tripp and Isaac Lawston and also to Draw Epistle to the next Yearly Meeting — Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting are Peter Barker Humphry Smith Ephraim Congdon Barnabas Coleman Benjn Slocum Edward Upton Solomon Hoxsie & Philip Tripp

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting being Met by Adjournment

Recd an Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich with anſwers to the Queries of Nathanael Green their Repreſentative who was prevented Yesterday by the Difficulty of the weather

This Meeting has recd a Complaint against the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island exhibited by a number of the Dwellers on the Point in Newport Respecting their Quit Rents therefore this Meeting doth appoint Edward Shove Philip Tripp Moſes Farnum Junr Saml Smith & Israel Wood to Enquire into the Grounds & Validity of the Complaint and make report to the next Quarterly Meeting

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting and Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approved of and Signed in this Meeting by Isaac Lawton as Clerk for this Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 9th of the 7th Month 1767

The Several Monthly Meetings being Called their Representatives are

For
Rhode Island Peter Barker Isaac Lawton & Abraham Barker
Dartmouth Peleg Smith Joseph Tucker Saml. Smith & Caleb Ruſsell
Greenwich Thomas Aldrich Ephraim Congdon & Thos. Cumstock
Nantucket Joseph Marſhall
Smithfield Thos. Steere Danl. Southwick Moses Farnum Junr. and
Thos. Lapham Junr.
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Job Anthony
South Kingstown John Collins Thos. Haſzard & Thos. Wilber
Acoakset Israel Wood

This Meeting being inform'd that Our Friend David Earl Deſir'd to be Excuſ'd from Serving any longer as Clerk herein he is therefore accordingly excuſ'd therefrom and Our Friend Isaac Lawton is appointed Clerk to this Meeting in his place

The Friends appointed by the last Quarterly Meeting to Enquire into the grounds & Validity of a Complaint exhibited against the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island make the following return — To the Quarterly Meeting to be held this Day at Newport — Esteemed Friends

Agreeable to the appointment of Last Quarterly Meeting We have made Inquiry into the grounds & validity of a Complaint Exhibited against the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island, and after hearing the allegations of each party, and Deliberately Conſidering the same it is our opinion that the said Complaint was Justly grounded and that the Complainants had Cauſe for the Same

Dated this 9th day of ye 7th Mo 1767

Edward Shove
Moſes Farnum Junr.
Samuel Smith
Israel Wood

Whereupon this Meeting doth appoint Our Friends Thos. Steere James Green Peleg Smith Thos. Wilber & Thos. Alderich to treat with Sd. Monthly Meeting and Desire them to Endeavour for an amicable accommodation with said Complainants and make return of their Success to the next Quarterly Meeting

A Certificate on Behalf of our Well Esteemed Friend William Hunt from the Monthly Meeting of New Garden in Rowan County North Carolina Dated the 25th of the 4th Mo. 1767

And one from Sd. Monthly Meeting of the same Date on behalf of our well Esteemed Friend Zachariah Dicks were read in this Meeting to Good Satisfaction

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 7th hour tomorrow morning

This Meeting Met according to adjournment

Recd. Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings all with answers to the Queries except Rhode Island, Some of which answers are to pretty good Satisfaction but there yet appears many Deficiencies which have been often repeated and Friends are Desired Carefully to endeavour for amendment in every of them and especially in that of making of Wills

The Friends appointed to Draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and transcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistle & bring them to the adjournment of this meeting are Jos. Marshall Saml. Smith Abraham Barker John Dockray Israel Wood & Oliver Hull — One Printed & one Written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London Dated from the 19th to the 24th of the 5th Month 1766 was read in this Meeting to mutual Comfort and Satisfaction

Receiv'd the Epistle from Our last Yearly Meeting which was read in this Meeting and Orderd to be transcrib'd and sent down to the Several Monthly Meetings —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 2nd hour this afternoon

~~This meeting Met according to adjournment~~

~~This Meeting doth appoint our Friends Christopher Townsend and James Easton to receive of David Earl & Deliver to Isaac Lawton the Books & papers belonging to this Meeting and to return to ye next Quarterly Meeting~~

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~~Two Certificates [illegible] Sign'd in this Meeting [illegible]~~

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This Meeting being Met according to Adjournment Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approved of and Sign'd in this Meeting By Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 8th of the 10th Mo. 1767

The Several Monthly Meetings being Called their Representatives are

For
Rhode Island Abram. Barker Peter Barker Thos. Gould Junr. & Jacob Mott Junr.
Dartmouth Abram. Tucker Peleg Smith Nicholas Howland & Benjn. Howland
Greenwich Nathanael Green & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Barnabas Coleman
Smithfield Thomas Steere & Nehemiah Shearman
Swansey Edward Shove & Thomas Earl
South Kingstown Thomas Hazzard
Acoakset Ichabod Eddy Benjn. Tripp & Joshua Devaul

The Committee appointed by the last Quarterly Meeting to treat with the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Order to bring them to a Settlement with the Possessors of the Point Land respecting their Quit Rents make the following return

Newport the 29th of ye 9th Mo. 1767. To the Quarterly Meeting to be held next at Portsmouth —— We the Subscribers in Submission to the appointment of the last Quarterly Meeting have attended at the Monthly Meeting at Newport and treated with Sd. Monthly Meeting for a Settlement with those Persons that own the Point Lotts at Newport— Whereupon the Sd. Monthly Meeting agreed to Submit the Dispute Concerning the Quit Rents of the Point Lands to Arbitrators Provided it may be done so that the Deeds which the Trustees have given the Possessors of Sd. Land be not hurt or made void thereby And that the whole and every Lott may be Settled so as to be Binding on both Parties

Thomas Steere
James Greene
Peleg Smith
Thomas Willbur
Thomas Aldrich

Whereupon this Meeting doth appoint our Friends John Moſher Abraham Tucker Ephraim Congdon Philip Tripp & Peleg Smith a Committee to Endeavour that the matter be Settled with Safety to the Monthly Meeting and Equity to the Poſseſsors of Sd. Land & make return to the next Quarterly Meeting —

Receiv'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries from each except Rhode Island; Some of which anſwers are to Satisfaction by others there appears great Neglect of Duty, therefore Friends are desired to be more Careful to labour for amendment

The Reaſons sent from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting why they did not anſwer the Queries are not Satisfactory to this Meeting — therefore they are desired to endeavour to get reconciled one to another and to the Orders of the Society and Send anſwers for the future

Whereas the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket Signified in their Epistle some Diſsatisfaction with the visit of Our Friends William Hunt & Zachariah Dicks for which they gave no reaſon therefore this Meeting doth adviſe Sd. Monthly Meeting that they be Careful to avoid such Conduct for the future —

Abraham Barker Joseph Congdon Thomas Aldrich Ephraim Congdon & Isaac Lawton are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting being Met according to adjournment

This Meeting doth appoint our Friends Christopher Townſend and James Easton to receive of David Earl & Deliver to Isaac Lawton the books & papers belonging to this Meeting and make return to Our next Quarterly Meeting —

Two Certificates were Sign'd in this Meeting One for Our Esteemed Friend William Hunt, and one for Our Esteemed Friend Zachariah Dicks Directed to the Monthly Meeting at New-Garden in Rowan County North Carolina —

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approved of and Signed in this Meeting by Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport for Rhode Island the 7th of ye 1st Month 1768

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Repreſentatives are —

For
Rhode Island James Easton John Dockray & Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell Nicholas Howland & Benjn Howland ye 2nd
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket None preſent
Smithfield Benjn Arnold Benjn Slocum & Jabez Wing
Swanſey Job Anthony & Job Eddy
South Kingstown Solomon Hoxſie & John Collins
Acoakſet David Devaul & John Moſher

The Committee appointed by the last Quarterly Meeting to Endeavour for a Settlement between the Monthly Meetg of Rhode Island & the Poſseſsors of the point Lotts make the following return —

Newport the 8th of ye 12th Mo 1767

According to appointment of Last Quarterly Meeting We the Subſcribers met in Order to see the matter in dispute between the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island and the Poſseſsors of the point Lotts settled with Safety and Equity to both Parties which matter is not accomplished as yet altho we endeavoured for the Same

Peleg Smith
John Moſher
Philip Tripp
Ephraim Congdon

Which return is not throughly satisfactory to this Meeting therefore the Matter is refered to Our next Quarterly Meeting and Sd Committee are still Continued and Job Anthony Caleb Ruſsell & John Collins are added to them to Endeavour as aforesaid and if their Endeavours have not the Desired Effect to give Information of the Obstructing Cause in their return to next Quarterly Meeting —

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket & Acoakset and anſwers to the Queries from each of Sd. Meeting except Rhode Island & Nantucket some of which anſwers are to Satisfaction but yet there appears many Deficiencies and friends are Deſired to be in a Careful Labour for amendment

Our Friends Jonathan Huſsey Job Anthony Ephraim Congdon Edward Shove & Benjn. Slocum are appointed a Committee to hear & Determine an appeal brought by Samuel Easton from a Settlement of accounts with the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Aaron Veil Dated the 21st of the 10th Mo. 1767 from a Meeting for Worship at the nine-partners in New York Government in Dutcheſs County was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 11th hour to-morrow

This Meeting Met according to adjournment

Christopher Townſend & James Easton made report that they have according to the appointment of the last Quarterly Meeting Receiv'd of David Earl & Deliverd to Isaac Easton the books & papers belonging to this Meeting And this Meeting doth appoint Our Friends Jacob Mott Junr. Thomas Gould Junr. Abraham Anthony & Abraham Barker to view said papers and burn such of them as they shall think not likely to be of any future Service

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Thomas Thornbrugh from New Garden in Rowan County North Carolina Dated the 29th of the 8th Mo. 1767 was read in this meetg. to Satisfaction

The Committee appointed to hear & Determine the appeal brought by Saml. Easton make the following return

Agreeable to appointment We the Subſcribers have inſpected the Settlemt. made with Samuel Easton & Edward Thurston by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meetg. of Rhode Island for that Service respecting Rents &c. And we Cannot Discover any error that Sd. Committee has made in their Sd. Settlemt. therefore we think that the return they made the Monthly Meetg. is Just as far as we can find therefore it is our Judgmt. to Confirm the same

Jonathan Huſsey
Job Anthony
Edward Shove
Benjn. Slocum
Ephraim Congdon

Certificates on Behalf of Our Esteemed Friends William Hunt Aaron Veil & Thomas Thornbrugh were Signed in this Meeting and Directed to the Monthly Meetings to which they belong

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approv'd of and Signed in this Meeting by Isaac Lawton Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 7th of the 4th Month 1768

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Jacob Mott Jr. Isaac Lawton Wm. Redwood & James Easton
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell & Nicholas Howland
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene & John Greene
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield Thomas Steere & Uriah Mowry
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Job Anthony
Southkingstown John Collins & Joseph Congdon
Acoakset Peleg Huddlestone Peter Davel & Joshua Davel

The Committee Continued by the last Quarterly Meeting to endeavour for a Settlement between the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island and the Poſseſsors of the Point Lotts made the following return viz:t

We the Subſcribers being appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to Endeavour for a Settlement of the Dispute Subſiſting between the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island & the Landholders at the Point we attended on the 9th day of the first Mo. 1768 and Endeavoured as afores.d and it had its desired effect and is Settled by the parties own agreement

Caleb Ruſsell
John Mosher
Philip Tripp
John Collins
Ephraim Congdon
Job Anthony

Which was to the Satisfaction of this Meeting

Receiv'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket with anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

By Epistle from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting they Inform that William Anthony of Newport Requested an appeal from a Judgment of said Meeting which was granted and this Meeting doth appoint Our Friends Thomas Steere Philip Chaſe Caleb Ruſsell Peleg Huddleſtone Uriah Mowry Peter Davel & Nicholas Howland to hear & Determine said matter and make report to the adjournment of this Meeting —

The Friends appointed to attend the next Yearly Meeting as repreſentatives are James Easton Caleb Ruſsell Nathaniel Greene Thomas Steere Philip Chaſe John Collins & Peter Davel

The Friends Appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and an Epistle to the yearly Meeting are Abraham Barker Joseph Congdon Ephraim Congdon Joseph Hull and Isaac Lawton who are Deſired to bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is Adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee appointed to hear & Determine an appeal brought by William Anthony of Newport from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island made the following return

We the Subſcribers being a Committee to hear & Determine the appeal brought by William Anthony of Newport from the Judgment of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to the preſent Quarterly Meeting Having met and heard the Alligations of the said William and the said Monthly Meeting by their Committee and Deliberately weighing the Same are of Opinion that the sd William Anthony hath not produced any ſatisfactory proof to us to set aside the former Judgment therefore We do Confirm the Same Dated in Portsmouth the 8th of the 4th Mo 1768 —

Peleg Huddleſtone
Caleb Ruſsell
Nicholas Howland
Thomas Steere
Uriah Mowry —
Philip Chaſe
Peter Davel

from which sd William Anthony Deſired an appeal to the next Yearly Meeting which is granted and Our Friends Timoth Waterhouſe John Dockray Thomas Gould Junr Nicholas Easton & John Hadwen are appointed to represent the matter to sd Yearly Meeting

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting with anſwers to the Queries was read approved of and Signed in this Meeting By Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport for Rhode Island the 7th of the 7th Mo. 1768. The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island, James Chaſe Joseph Proud Peter Barker Junr & Weston Hicks
Dartmouth, Caleb Ruſsell Jos. Tucker Humphry Smith & Wm. Anthony
Greenwich, Nathaneel Greene & Benjamin Congdon
Nantucket, Nathaniel Coleman & Nathaniel Huſsey
Smithfield, Jabez Wing & Nehemiah Sherman
Swanſey, none preſent
South Kingstown, John Collins & Solomon Hoxſie
Acoakset Joseph Tripp Benjn Tripp Joshua Davel & Israel Wood

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Aaron Lancaster from the Monthly Meeting held at the Purchaſe in the County of West Chhester & Province of NewYork dated the 12th of the 5th Mo. 1768 and also a Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Joshua Sherman from the Monthly Meeting at Nine-partners, dated the 19th of the 5th Mo. 1768, were read in this Meeting to Satiſfaction —

One printed & one written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London dated from the 8th to the 13th of the 6th Mo. 1767, and an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at Philadelphia for Pennſilvania and Newjerſey dated from the 26th of the 9th Mo. to the 1st of the 10th Mo. 1767, were read in this Meeting to good Satiſfaction —

Recd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting of Rhode Island which was read in this Meeting to good Satiſfaction, in which they inform that the Judgment of last Quarterly Meeting respecting Wm Anthony was Confirmed by sd Yearly Meeting

Recd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings except Swanſey with anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting which anſwers were not so Satisfactory as could be desired therefore friends care & Diligence in order for amendment for the future——

Our Friends Humphry Smith Joseph Proud Wm Lake John Collins Israel Wood & Oliver Hull are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting, and also to tranſcribe the written Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London & Philadelphia in order to be sent down to each Monthly Meeting——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow——

This Meeting met according to adjournment——

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approv'd of & Sign'd in this meeting by Isaac Lawton as Clerk——

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Aaron Lancaster and also one on behalf of our Esteemed friend Joshua Sherman were sign'd in this Meeting & Directed to the Monthly Meetings to which they belong——

This Meeting being verbally informed that Nantucket Monthly Meeting have refuſed or neglected to give our Esteemed friend Wm Hunt a few lines by way of Certificate when requested therefore this Meeting desires that said Monthly Meeting send their reaſons up to Our next Quarterly Meeting for their said neglect or refuſal——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portſmouth on Rhode Island the 13th of the 10th Month 1768

The Several Monthly Meetings there to belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Peter Barker Wm Anthony & Joseph Proud
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell Nicholas Howland Paul Ruſsell & Jonathan Huſsey
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene Thomas Cumſtock & Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield Thomas Steere Benjn Arnold & Moſes Farnum Junr
Swanſey Job Anthony & Job Eddy
South Kingstown Thomas Haſzard & John Collins
Acoakset Peleg Huddlestone & Philip Tripp

Receiv'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket with Anſwers to the Queries from each except Rhode-Island Some of which Anſwers are to Satisfaction but there yet appears many Deficiencies which Friends that draw the Epistles are deſired to remark to the Several Monthly Meetings —

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingstown Deſired of this Meeting their Advice & Aſsistance in Order for Remedying the disorders that frequently happen near their Yearly Meetings Occaſion'd by selling Liquors &c. Upon Conſideration thereof this Meeting doth appoint Our Friends Thomas Steere Thomas Haſzard Ephraim Congdon William Redwood & Joseph Congdon to draw an addreſs & apply to the General Aſsembly of this Colony in Order for redreſsing the Diſorders that may happen of like kind near that or any Other Yearly Meeting in this Government —

Our Friends Joseph Proud Moſes Farnum Junr Jonathan Huſsey Benjamin Arnold & Jonathan Maſey are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour to morrow —

This Meeting being met by Adjournment —

The Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders desire of this Meeting that they appoint a Committee of Friends to adviſe & Encourage the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Constituting of Elders. This Meeting taking the matter into Conſideration do appoint Our Friends Abraham Tucker Benjamin Arnold Caleb Ruſsell Stephen Hoxſie Jos: Congdon & John Collins for that purpoſe & deſire them to make return of their Succeſs to the next Quarterly Meeting —

This Meeting appoints Abraham Anthony to treat with the printer at Newport and know of him the terms upon which he will print three Books viz^{t}. One smell primer by J. C. & George Fox the younger One larger primer by George Fox & one small book Entitled Some Principles & precepts of the Christian Religion by way of Question & anſwer by Samuel Fuller, and make return to next Quarterly Meet^{g}

Receiv'd a Number of new proposels for reprinting a Select part of William Penns Works, and also some proposals from the Editor of Anthony Purvers Translation of the Bible One of each of which the Clerk of this Meeting is Directed to send to each Quarterly & Monthly Meeting belonging to our Yearly Meeting —

As there is no account from Nantucket nor reaſons given for their neglect or refusing a Certificate for Our Friend William Hunt according to the deſire of last Quarterly Meeting, therefore said matter is referr'd to next Quarterly Meeting —

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approv'd of by this Meeting And Signed by Isaac Lawton Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode-Island the 12th of the 1st Month 1769 —

The Several Monthly Meetings Thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Joseph Proud John Dockray & Thomas Gould Ju^{r}.
Dartmouth W^{m}. Moſher Benj^{n}. Howland Sam^{l} Smith & W^{m}. Anthony Ju^{r}.
Greenwich David Green & Joseph Baker
Nantucket none present
Smithfield James Cumstock
Swanſey — Philip Chaſe & Job Anthony
South Kingstown Thomas Wilber & Stephen Hoxſie
Acoaksett — Joshua Davel & Philip Tripp

Part of the Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to adviſe and encourage the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Conſtituting of Elders made report to this Meeting that the whole of them did attend said Monthly Meeting and that the deſire of the Quarterly Meeting was partly anſwer'd, and likewise that there appear'd a Diſposition in said Monthly Meeting that it might be fully anſwer'd, Said Committee is still Continued & Deſired to Uſe their Endeavours in Order that a Satisfactory return be made to next Quarterly Meeting

Receiv'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket with anſwers to the Queries from each except Smithfield & South Kingstown Our Friends John Dockray Benjamin Howland Joseph Baker Stephen Hoxſie Saml. Smith & Wm. Anthony Junr. are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and give such advice as appears needful by their accounts Sent to this Meeting and bring them to the adjournmt. of this Meeting in Order to be Sign'd

This Meeting is Adjourn'd to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met according to Adjournment

By Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island they Inform that they have appointed James Chaſe & James Mitchell Elders of which this Meeting approveth

An Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket directed to our last Quarterly Meeting with anſwers to the Queries now Came to hand and was read in this Meeting, And as they have not given reaſons for their Neglecting or refusing a Certificate for Our Friend William Hunt as they have been Deſired, and no account from them to this preſent Meeting said matter is referred to next Quarterly Meeting for their reaſons

Abraham Anthony made return to this Meeting the terms upon which the printer will print Several books according to the appointment of last Quarterly Meetg and this Meeting Concludes to have three thouſand of the small primers printed and appoint Our Friends Abraham Anthony & John Dockray to take the Neceſsary Care thereof, And this Meeting thinks well of printing the two other books vizt. a large primer by George Fox & a small book entitled Some principles & precepts of the Christian Religion by way of Question & anſwer by Saml. Fuller, And recommend it to the Several Monthly Meetgs. that they may send up their Subſcriptions to the next Quarterly Meeting

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read and approved of in this Meeting, & Sign'd by Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 13th of the 4th Month 1769. — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony John Dockray & Joseph Proud
Dartmouth Jonathan Huſsey William Barker & Thomas Hicks
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene
Nantucket Jethro Coleman
Smithfield Thomas Steere & Moſes Farnum Jur.
Swanſey Job Anthony & Caleb Earl
South Kingstown Solomon Hoxſie & Thomas Haſzard
Acoakset Joshua Davel —

Receiv'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries

The Committee Continued by last Quarterly Meeting to adviſe and Incourage the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Conſtituting of Elders made no return to this Meeting, But as it appears by the Epistle from said Meeting that there is a Labour tho the work is not effected, Therefore Sd. Committee is still Continued for the aforesaid Service, and likewiſe to aſsist Sd. Meeting in Conſtituting Viſiters and Deſired to make return to next Quarterly Meeting —

In the Epistle from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket they give the following as their reaſon for Neglecting or refuſing to give our Friend William Hunt a Certificate (vizt) for want of so general a Freedom as is Neceſsary in Such Caſes, Which is not satisfactory to this Meeting they are therefore deſired to exhibit what they have to object against Sd. Friend to the next Quarterly Meeting or send a Certificate for him —

By Epistle from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting they propoſe to this Meeting, whether that part of the 10th Query where expreſs'd in theſe words "and Uſe thoſe well where they are Poſseſs'd by Inheritance or Otherwiſe endeavouring to train them up in the principles of Religion, Ought not to be either altered amended or Obliterated, Seeing that it is inconſiſtant to poſseſs them as we do the brutal part of the Creation, and yet Uſe them well, Or as Slaves and at the same time bring them up in the true Religion, which this Meeting taking into Conſideration do recommend it to the next Yearly Meeting for their Senſe & Judgment

The Several Monthly Meetings having sent up their Subſcriptions for the books propos'd to be printed this Meetg Concludes to have a Number of each Sort printed not exceeding two thouſand of the large primers unleſs subscribed for, and deſire the Committee appointed in that Service to treat further with the printer Concerning the terms of printing Saml. Fullers book and make return to next Quarterly Meeting

Our Friends Abraham Anthony Jonathan Huſsey Nathaniel Greene Jethro Coleman Moſes Farnum Junr. Job Anthony Thomas Haſzard & Joshua Davel are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and give such advice as appears needful by their accounts sent to this Meeting, and likewise to draw an Epistle and prepare general anſwers to the Queries to be sent to the next Yearly Meeting

Friends appointed to attend the next Yearly Meeting as repreſentatives are James Mitchell Joseph Proud Abraham Tucker Nathaniel Greene Jonathan Maſey Thomas Steere Caleb Earl John Collins & Peter Davel

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the twelfth hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met according to Adjournment

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting with anſwers to the Queries and also Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approved of in this Meeting, And Sign'd by Isaac Lawton Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 13th of the 7th Month 1769 The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island Peter Barker Weston Hicks & James Siſson
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Caleb Ruſsell & William Barker
Greenwich James Greene Nathaniel Greene & Benjn. Congdon
Nantucket William Huſsey
Smithfield Daniel Southwick & Moſes Aldrich
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & John Hathway
South Kingstown Solomon Horſie & Thomas Haſzard
Acoakset Peleg Huddlestone & Philip Tripp

The Committee that was appointed to adviſe & encourage the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Constituting of Elders and Viſiters made report to this Meeting that the vacancy of Elders is fill'd up to Satisfaction, and that there appeard a Diſposition in Friends to fill up that of viſiters, but as that doth not appear to be done yet, sd. Committee are Continued for that part of the aforesd. service & to make return to next Quarterly Meeting

135 Receiv'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries from each except Dartmouth & Swansey

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket have not exhibited what they have to Object against Wm Hunt nor sent a Certificate for him according to the request of last Quarterly Meeting, Therefore sd matter is refered to next Quarterly Meeting in Order that sd Monthly Meeting may send up a Suitable acknowledgment for their misconduct in that affair, Or a Certificate as before requested

The Books propos'd to be printed at the last Quarterly Meeting not being done the Committee appointed in that service are still Continued to take the necessary care thereof and make return to next Quarterly Meeting

By Epistle from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting they Inform that they have Appointed Abraham Anthony & Isaac Lawton Elders of which this Meeting approveth

It is Our Sense & Judgment that the Eighth Query restricts from Selling spiritous Liquors by smaller Quantities than the wholesome Laws of Government have limited without special licence therefor

Our Friends Philip Tripp Joseph Proud Moses Farnum Junr. Moses Aldrich John Hadwen Wm Redwood & Oliver Hull are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & transcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistle & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting in Order to be sent down to each Monthly Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting being Met according to Adjournment

One printed & one written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London dated from the 23d to the 28th of the 5th Mo. 1768 - And a Copy of an Epistle from the [illegible] Meeting for Sufferings in London dated the 10th of the 3d Mo. 1769 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approved of in this Meeting, and Sign'd by Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 12th of the 10th Month 1769, The Several Monthly Meeting thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are ——

Rhode Island, Isaac Lawton Jacob Mott Jur. & John Dockray
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Nicholas Howland & William Sanford
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene & Joseph Baker
Nantucket Elihu Coleman
For Smithfield Uriah Mowry & Moſes Farnum Jur.
Swanſey Daniel Baker & Elkanah Pierce
South Kingstown Thomas Haſzard & Benjn. Hoxſie
Acoakset Joshua Davel & Joseph Tripp

The Committee Continued by last Quarterly Meeting in Order to adviſe & Encourage the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Conſtituting of Viſiters are still Continued for that Service & deſired to make return to next Quarterly Meetg

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket in their Epiſtle to this Meeting sent an acknowledgment of their misconduct respecting Our Friend William Hunt, therefore this Meeting Diſmiſseth that affair ——

The Committee Continued by the last Quarterly Meeting to take the neceſsary Care Concerning the books propos'd to be printed, made return that the small primers & Fullers books are printed, and that they expect the large primers will be done by next Quarterly Meeting, for which the Several Monthly Meetings are deſired to send up the money for the books Subſcribed for, and likewiſe their proportions for thoſe not Subſcribed for, to sd. Meeting, said Committee are still Continued for the aforesd. Service

This Meeting receiv'd as a preſet from our Friend John Pemberton of Philadelphia a Number of printed Epiſtles from the Meeting for Sufferings of London and Philadelphia of this preſent year, which are Orderd to be divided to the Several Monthly Meetings —

Our Friends John Dockray Jacob Mott Jur. Thomas Haſzard Philip Tripp and Moſes Farnum Jur. are appointed to draw Epiſtles to the Several Monthly Meetings and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting, and likewiſe divide the books not Subſcribed for to the Several Monthly Meetings, And alſo to divide the Epiſtles sent by Our Friend John Pemberton to sd. Meetings —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met according to adjournment ——

Epiſtles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approved in this Meeting, and Signed by Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 11th of the 1st Month 1770, — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island John Dockray Giles Lawton & Peter Barker Junr
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell & William Moſher.
Greenwich none preſent.
Nantucket none preſent.
Smithfield Benjamin Arnold & Benjamin Slocum
Swanſey Preſerved Brayton & Clark Purrington
South Kingstown Thomas Haſzard
Acoakset Ichabod Eddy & Joshua Davel

The Committee Continued by last Quarterly Meeting to take ye Neceſsary care Concerning the Books propos'd to be printed make return to this Meeting that Sd books are now all printed but not bound Sd Committee are Still Continued in Sd Service & Deſired to make return to next Quarterly Meeting, And each Monthly Meeting that have neglected to send up the money requested by last Quarterly Meeting are deſired not to fail of sending Sd money aſsoon as ye books are ready

Rec'd Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings (except Nantucket) with anſwers to the Queries —

The Monthly Meeting of Swanſey in their Epistle inform this Meeting that they Labour under some Difficulty for want of Elders belonging to their preparitive Meeting & Deſire the Aſsistance of this Meeting in Conſtituting some Suitable Perſons in that Service which this Meeting taking into Conſideration, do appoint the Elders belonging to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to their aſsistance, and Deſire them to make return of their Succeſs to next Quarterly Meeting —

Our Friends William Redwood Preſerved Brayton Jacob Mott Junr Stephen Horſie & Thomas Robinſon are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow —

This Meeting Met according to adjournment —

The Committee Continued by last Quarterly Meeting to adviſe & encourage the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in Conſtituting of Viſiters made report to this Meeting that that service was accomplished

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approved of in this Meeting, and Sign'd by Isaac Lawton Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 12th of the 4th Mo. 1770 — The Several Monthly Meetings there to belonging being Called their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony John Hadwen & Peter Barker Junr.
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker Wm. Moſher Samuel Smith & Thomas Hicks —
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene Thos. Aldrich & Ephraim Congdon
Nantucket none
Smithfield Uriah Mowry —
Swanſey Job Anthony & Thomas Earle —
South Kingstown Thomas Wilber & John Collins
Acoakset Joseph Tripp & David Davel —

Received Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries —

The books propos'd to be printed not being Compleated said matter is refered to next Quarterly Meeting —

The friends appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to aſsist the Monthly Meeting of Swansey in Constituting Elders made report that they had most of them visited said Meeting but their service is not yet fully Compleated therefore sd. friends are Continued in sd. Service and deſired to make report to next Quarterly Meeting —

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in their Epistle deſire the advice of this Meeting respecting what Tranſgreſsions or misconduct against the advice or minutes of Friends should be publickly testified against either by the parties offending or the Meeting of which this Meeting takes notice & refer to the next yearly Meeting for their advice thereupon —

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingstown propoſe to the Consideration of this Meeting whether it be not an inconſistancy in Friends Conduct in allowing their Members to undertake to joyn People in marriage after the manner of the World, which this Meeting takes notice of & refer it to the next Yearly Meeting for their Judgment —

Our Friends Abraham Anthony Joseph Tucker Thomas Aldrich Uriah Mowry Job Anthony Thomas Wilber Philip Tripp & Samuel Smith are appointed to attend the next Yearly Meeting & to draw an Epistle to sd. Meeting and likewiſe to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow —

This Meeting met according to Adjournment

An Epistle to the Yearly Meeting & also Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approved of in this Meeting, and Signed by Isaac Lawton Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 12th of the 7th Mo. 1770 — The Several Monthly Meetings there to belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are

For
Rhod Island James Chaſe James Mitchell & Jacob Mott Jur.
Dartmouth Paul Ruſsell Wm Moſher Wm Barker & Caleb Ruſsell
Greenwich Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Matthew Macy
Smithfield Thomas Steere & Moſes Farnum
Swanſey Silas Chaſe Jur. & Moſes Buffington
South Kingstown Thomas Hazard & Peleg Peckham
Acoakset Benjn Tripp & Ichabod Eddy

Rec.d Epistles from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

Rec.d a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich dated the 29th of the 6th Mo 1770 on behalf of our Friend Benjn Bumpos Signifying their approbation of his publick Testimony

The Committe appointed to take the neceſsary Care of some books proposed by the Quarterly Meeting to be printed report to this meeting that sd books are all printed and Delivered to the Several Monthly Meetings

The Friends appointed to aſsist the Monthly Meeting of Swanſey in Constituting Elders made report to this Meeting that they understood that sd meeting had made Choice of some Elders which will appear by their Epistle

The Monthly Meeting of Swanſey by their Epistle inform us that they have made Choice of Eber Chaſe & Caleb Earl as Elders for swanſey preparitive Meeting and Job Anthony & Edward Shove for Fre:town preparitive Meeting of which this Meeting approveth

Receiv'd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting, & likewiſe a Copy of several matters Concluded on by Sd. meeting which were read in this meeting to good Satisfaction, and Orderd to be tranſcribed and Sent down to the Several Monthly Meetings ——

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & tranſcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistle & the Copy of Several matters from Sd. Yearly Meeting & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting are Jacob Mott Jur. Caleb Ruſsell Thos. Aldrich Matthew Macy Thos. Steere Silas Chaſe Wm. Redwood Peleg Peckham & Ichabod Eddy

This meeting appoints Our Friends Peleg Peckham Abraham Anthony Philip Tripp Edward Shove & Thomas Hazard to Joyn thoſe of the Yearly Meetings Committee belonging to this Quarterly Meeting to visit all Such friends throughout this Quarterly Meeting as poſseſs Slaves and Uſe their endeavours with them in Order that they may discharge themselves towards them agreeable to the minute of the last Yearly Meeting & make return of their Succeſs to the next Quarterly Meeting —

This Meeting is adjournd to the 11th. hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting met by Adjournment ——

The Friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several monthly Meetings & tranſcribe the Yearly Meeting Epistle & thoſe other matters from Sd. Yearly meeting preſented them to this meeting which after being read & approved were Sign'd by the Clerk and sent to the Several Monthly Meetings ——

A Certificate for our Friend Benjamin Bumpos was sign'd in this Meeting by the Clerk & directed to the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich ——

The motion made in this Meeting respecting that Yearly Meeting minute made in 1759 wherein it is Supposed that the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket is restricted from the free & full exerciſe of our Discipline in theſe words "And that the monthly Meeting meddle no more in such Caſes" is refered to ~~the~~ next Yearly Meeting for explanation ——

141 At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 11th of the 10th Mo 1770 — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony & William Redwood
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Abraham Tucker & Nicholas Howland
Greenwich Nathaniel Greene & Joseph Baker
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell
Smithfield Uriah Mowry Benjn Cook Benjn Arnold & Moses Farnum
Swansey Job Anthony & Preserved Brayton
South Kingstown Nicholas Bragg & Matthew Barker
Acoakset Joshua Davel & Philip Tripp —

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting —

Abraham Anthony & John Dockray who were appointed to take Care Concerning the printing of some books produced in this Meeting the printers Receipt in full

Several Monthly Meetings desire of this Meeting Directions under what heads in the book of Discipline to place those matters respecting our Discipline Concluded on by the last Yearly Meeting which is refer'd to the next Yearly Meeting —

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Matthew Franklin from the Monthly Meeting of New Town on Long Island dated the 7th of the 4th Mo 1770 and also one on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Richard Titus from the Monthly Meeting at Westbury on Long Island dated the 28th of the 8th Mo 1770 — were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction —

This Meeting appoints Our Friends Abraham Anthony Joseph Mitchell William Anthony & Nicholas Bragg to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow —

This Meeting met by Adjournment —

The Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to joyn the Yearly Meetings Committee to visit those friends throughout this Quarterly Meeting who possess Slaves made return to this Meeting, by which it appears their Service therein is not fully Compleated therefore sd friends are Continued in that Service & Joseph Mitchell is added to them & they to make return to next Quarterly Meeting —

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings brought them to this Meeting which after being read & approved were Signed by the Clerk —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 10th of the 1st Month 1771 — The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are —

For
Rhod Island Abraham Anthony Wm. Redwood & Thomas Gould Jur.
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Jonathan Huſsey Saml. Smith & Wm. Anthony junr.
Greenwich Benjn. Congdon David Greene & Cary Spencer —
Nantucket none preſent
Smithfield Benjn. Arnold Moſes Farnum George Smith & Wm. Buffum
Swanſey Edward Shove —
South Kingstown Stephen Hoxſie & Peter Davis Junr. —
Acoakset Joseph Tripp & Lemuel Siſson —

Receivd Accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket which were read in this Meeting —

A Certificate on Behalf of our esteemed Friend Thomas Cumstock from the Monthly Meeting of friends on the Oblong in the Province of New York dated the 18th of ye 10th Mo. 1770 — And also one on behalf of our esteemed friend Aaron Vail from the Monthly Meeting at Nine Partners in Dutcheſs County in the Province of New York dated the 27th of the 9th month 1770 — were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction —

It appears by the return of the Committee appointed to joyn the yearly Meetings Committee to viſit thoſe Friends throughout this Quarterly Meeting who poſseſs Slaves that their Service therein is not fully Compleated, they are therefore still Continued for that Service, & to make return to our next Quarterly Meeting —

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth propose to this Meeting the Rebuilding their old Meeting houſe at Ponegansett which this Meeting taking into Conſideration do appoint our friends Abraham Barker Moſes Farnum Wm. Redwood Thomas Gould Junr. & Jacob Mott Jur. to Confer with the repreſentitives of that Monthly Meeting respecting that matter & make return to the adjournment of this Meeting —

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield represented to this Meeting that they have lately been at a Conſiderable expence in building and repairing Meeting houſes which this Meeting taking into Conſideration do appoint our friends Job Anthony Thomas Haſzard Jacob Mott Junr. Benjn. Congdon & Wm. Moſher a Committee to enquire into the neceſsity or Uſefulneſs of such expence in building &c., not that we would take upon us thereby their debts in so doing but that we may be the more fully & regularly Qualified to recommend it if found of Uſe to the Several monthly meetings for their Aſsistance, ye Committe are to make return to our next Quarterly Meeting —

The Queries were read in this Meeting & the Anſwers from the several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket ——

Our Friends Thomas Lapham Jun.^r Stephen Hoxſie John Hadwen Philip Wanton W^m Buffum & W^m Cozzens are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings recommending the needful as Uſual, and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting, and also to draw Certificates for Our Esteemed friends Thomas Cumstock & Aaron Vail ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12^th hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting Met according to adjournment ——

The Committee appointed to Confer with the repreſentitives of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting respecting rebuilding their Old Meeting houſe at Poneganſett made return which not being satisfactory to this Meeting, therefore they are deſired to attend that meeting and take a view of S.^d houſe & give their Judgment whether it be best to repair S.^d houſe or rebuild it & also to Conſider of what Dementions it ought to be if rebuilt & make return to Our next Quarterly Meeting ——

Was Signed in this Meeting two Certificates, one for Our Esteemed friend Thomas Cumstock & one for Our Estemed friend Aaron Vail directed to the monthly Meetings where they belong ——

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were brought to this Meeting read approved of & Signed by — Jacob Mott Jun.^r Clerk at this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 11^th of the 4^th Month 1771 ——

The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are —

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony Peter Barker & James Chaſe
Dartmouth, Paul Ruſsell Caleb Ruſsell & W^m Anthony Jun.^r
Greenwich Benjamin Congdon & Ephraim Congdon ——
Nantucket Jonathan Macy & Benj.^n Barney Jun.^r ——
Smithfield Tho.^s Lapham Daniel Aldrich & Moſes Farnum
Swanſey Caleb Earle & Edward Upton
South Kingstown John Collins & Benj.^n Hoxſie
Acoakset Ichabod Eddy & Joſhua Davel ——

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings which were read in this Meeting

Recd an account from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket Dated the 1st of ye 1st month 1771. Directed to Our last Quarterly Meeting in which they deſired the Judgment of the Quarterly Meetg whether it be Conſistant for the Womens Meetg to receive & disown Members without the Concurrence of the Mens Meeting. this Meetg taking the Matter into Conſideration give it as our Judgment that it is the right of the Womens Meeting to receive or disown Members & likewiſe that it is Conſistant with good Order to acquaint the Men with their proceedings in them Caſes

This Meeting is inform'd from the Womens Meeting that Ann Mitchell is appointed an Elder, and do approve thereof

By Epistle from Rhode Iland Monthly Meeting they inform that Jacob Barney deſired an appeal from a Judgment of sd Meeting which was granted, And this Meeting appoints Our Friends Thomas Steere Moſes Farnum Philip Tripp Ephraim Congdon Benjn Hoxſie & Joshua Davel a Committee to hear & determine the matter between sd Monthly Meeting and sd Barney & make return as soon as they Can with Conveniency

By Epistle from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting they Inform that Humphry Smith requested an appeal from a Judgment of sd Meeting which was granted sd appeal by sd Smiths deſire is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting & sd Monthly Meetg is deſir'd to favour sd Smith with a Copy of the Complaint against him Provided he Obligate himself that he nor any Other Perſon in his behalf make any other Uſe thereof than tends to his own defence in Our Society

The Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to view the Old Meeting houſe at Poneganset mad the following return which is receiv'd by this Meeting

We the Subſcribers agreeable to the appointment of the last Quarterly Meetg having viewed & examined the Meeting houſe at Ponegansett there being a Number of friends belonging to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting preſent And it is

Our Judgment that it will be best to repair it — Notwithstanding
We think it might be well for the Quarterly Meeting to leave
them at their Liberty to rebuild if they should Continue to prefer
it, and if rebuilt. We think a house of the following dimentions would be Sufficient vizt. Sixty feet in length & thirty
five feet in Wedth & twenty feet posts

Abraham Barker
Jacob Mott Junr.
William Redwood
Moses Farnum
Thos. Gould Junr.

Dartmouth the 15th. 1st mo 1771

The Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to enquire into the necessity & Usefulness of the expence of building & repairing Meeting houses by Smithfield Monthly Meeting made return to this meeting by which it appears Sd. building & repairs are Useful and that the whole Cost thereof amounts to £377=17 Lawful money of which £176=3=7 remains unpaid which we recommend to the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging desiring them to Contribute towards the payment thereof as they shall find freedom and send the same up to next Quarterly Meeting ——

By Epistle from Nantucket Monthly Meeting they inform that they have appointed Jonathan Macy Matthew Macy Susanna Folger & Sarah Barney Elders of which this Meeting approveth

The Queries were read in this Meeting & the answers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings from which general answer were form'd & Sent to the Yearly Meeting ——

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings are Abraham Anthony Wm. Anthony Jr. Jonathan Macy Joseph Mitchell Abraham Barker & David Steere and likewise to draw an account to the next Yearly Meeting and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The Committee appointed to hear & Determine the matter between the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island & Jacob Barney made return which is accepted by this Meeting & is as followeth

We being appointed a Committee to hear & Determine the matter between the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island & Jacob Barney as brought to the Quarterly Meeting by S. Barneys appealing from a Judgment of S. Monthly Meeting against him, And having fully heard the Allegations & proofs of the S. Barney as also the friends who were appointed by S. Monthly Meeting to repreſent the matter to the Quarterly Meeting & after Conſideration thereon We Confirm the Judgment of said Monthly Meeting ——

ye 12th of ye 4th Mo 1771

Benjn Hoxſie
Joshua Davel
Thomas Steere
Moſes Farnum
Philip Tripp
Ephraim Congdon

Part of the Committee Continued by last Quarterly Meeting who were appointed to joyn the Yearly Meetings Committee to viſit thoſe Friends throughout this Quarterly Meeting who poſseſs Slaves made return to this Meeting by which it appears they have perform'd that Service in meaſure agreeable to appointment, and that but few have Comply'd with the rule of the Society or Labour & advice of Friends in that Caſe, It is therefore recommended to the Several Monthly Meetings that they Discharge themſelves towards thoſe (who thus neglect or refuſe to Comply) agreeable to the advice of the Yearly Meeting ——

This Meeting being inform'd from the Monthly Meeting of East Greenwich that they have appointed Ephraim Congdon an Elder do approve thereof ——

An account to the Yearly Meeting and Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings was read & approved of in this Meeting and Signed by the Clerk ——

147 At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 11th of the 7th Mo. 1778 — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island James Chaſe William Redwood & Abraham Barker
Dartmouth Jonathan Huſsey Wm Anthony Junr. Saml. Smith & Barzilla Tucker —
Greenwich Thomas Aldrich & Jabez Greene —
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell & Daniel Macy —
Smithfield Daniel Southwick Benjn Arnold Thos. Steere Thos. Lapham Junr. & Moſes Farnum —
Swanſey Silas Chace & Job Anthony —
South Kingstown John Collins & Thomas Haſzard —
Acoakset David Davel —

Receiv'd accounts from the several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket, whose account we are inform'd by their Representitives fail'd coming through some misunderstanding.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island have Contributed the sum of Sixty pounds Lawful money & the Monthly Meeting of Acoakset one pound Six Shillings & two pence towards defraying the Charges at Smithfield & Moſes Farnum is appointed to receive the same —

Our Friends Moſes Farnum Thomas Steere Joseph Mitchell Thomas Aldrich & William Redwood are appointed a Committee to hear & Determine the appeal of Humphry Smith refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting, and make return to the Adjournment of this Meeting —

By account from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting they inform that Jabez Barker Junr. deſired an appeal from a Judgment of sd. Meeting, which by sd. Barkers request is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting —

The Queries were read in this Meeting & anſwers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket & Swanſey —

Receiv'd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting which was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, and the thirty five pounds Sterling therein Concluded to be raiſed for supplying the Yearly Meetg stock in London is Order'd to be proportioned to the Several Monthly Meetings, & sd. Monthly Meetings are deſired to send their several proportions up to next Quarterly Meeting —

Rec.d a Number of printed Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Our Friends & Brethren in London one of which with their Written Epistle was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction —

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia & one from the Yearly Meeting held at Flushing on Long Island were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, And that from Philadelphia with one from our last Yearly Meeting is Ordered to be tranſcribed & sent to the Several Monthly Meetings —

Our friends Pince Allin Jabez Greene Wm Lake Silas Chaſe Daniel Macy David Davol & Benjn Arnold are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings, & proportion the Sterling money to the Several Monthly Meetings & tranſcribe the Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Rhode Island & Philadelphia & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow —

This Meeting met by adjournment —

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & tranſcribe the Epistles from the Yearly Meetings, brought the Epistles to the Monthly Meetings which were approv'd of and Sign'd in this Meeting by the Clerk but as they had not time to tranſcribe all the Yearly Meeting Epistles Our friend Wm Lake is appointed to tranſcribe the rest & bring them to Our next Quarterly Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the 1759 to receive of Thomas Richardſon & deliver to David Earl the books & papers belonging to this Meeting having made no return to this Meeting & it appearing that the records of this Meeting are not all come to the hand of the preſent Clerk, therefore We appoint Our friends Joseph Jacob William Redwood & Isaac Lawton to make enquiry after thoſe records & what papers may remain behind & likewiſe to inspect sd papers & burn such as are not likely to be of future Service & deliver the rest with the records if any be found to Isaac Lawton the preſent Clerk —

The Committee appointed to hear & Determine the appeal of Humphry Smith made return to this Meeting which is accepted and is as followeth —

We being a Committee appointed to hear & determine the appeal brought by Humphry Smith from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting to the last Quarterly Meeting, have fully heard the parties, and maturely weighed & Considerd the several matters & things therein Contained, Are of Opinion that if he declines Submitting the matter in Controversy to Arbitration he Ought to give the Monthly Meeting his reaſons for it —

Thomas Steere
Moſes Farnum
William Redwood
Joseph Mitchell

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 10th of the 10th Month 1771 —— The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are ——

For Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott Jur. James Chaſe & William Redwood — Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Job Ruſsell William Moſher & William Anthony Jur. — Greenwich Ephraim Congdon Nantucket Jonathan Macy & Joseph Mitchell — Smithfield Uriah Mowry Benjamin Arnold Moſes Farnum & Wm. Buffum Swanſey Eber Chaſe & Job Anthony South Kingstown Nicholas Bragg & John Collins – Acoakset Joshua Davol & Abiel Macamber

Our friends Nicholas Bragg Joseph Mitchell William Buffum Edward Shove Ephraim Congdon & Jacob Mott Jur. are appointed a Comtee. to hear & Determine the appeal of Jabez Barker from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth & make return to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

The rest of the Yearly Meeting Epistles which William Lake was appointed to tranſcribe was preſented to this Meeting & delivered to the Repreſentitives of the Several Monthly Meetings to which they were directed ——

The Friends appointed to make inquiry after thoſe records & papers belonging to this Meeting which have not come to the hands of the present Clark & likewiſe to inspect sd. papers &c. made report that they have made some progreſs but not gone through that affair therefore sd. friends are Continued in that service & to make return to next Quarterly Meeting ——

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting, by sd accounts it appears they have sent their Several proportions of the sterling money except Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for supplying the Yearly Meeting stock in London which money William Redwood is appointed to receive in behalf of this Meeting ——

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Mark Reeve from the Monthly Meeting held at Salem in the Province of New Jerſey dated the 29th of the 7th Mo. 1778 — and likewiſe one on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Stephen Comfort from a Monthly Meeting held at Middletown in the County of Bucks & Province of Pennſylvania dated the 4th of sd 7th Mo. 1778 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction ——

The Monthly Meeting of Acoakset in their account inform that they have appointed Joshua Davel an Elder with which this Meetg Concurreth ——

Our Friends Abraham Anthony John Collins Moſes Farnum William Redwood Eber Chaſe & Joshua Davel are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

Certificates on behalf of Our Friends Mark Reeve & Stephen Comfort were Signed in this Meeting & directed to the Meetings to which they belong ——

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approv'd in this Meeting & Signed by the Clerk ——

The Committee appointed to hear & determine the appeal of Jabez Barker Junr from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth made return which is accepted and is as followeth —— To the Quarterly Meetg now Sitting

We being appointed to hear & determine an appeal brought by Jabez Barker Junr. from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth against sd Barker, having met & heard their allegations on both Sides & maturely Conſidered the same, are of Opinion the Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth to Labour with sd Barker were somewhat short in their Labour with him, Therefore We think it best to return the matter to sd. Meeting again & that they still Continue their Labour with him and discharge themſelves toward him in that respect

Portsmouth 11th: 10th Mo. 1771

Edward Shove
Jacob Mott Junr.
Ephraim Congdon
Nicholas Bragg
Joseph Mitchell
William Buffum

The purport of which is inſerted in Our Epistle to said Monthly Meeting

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 9th of the 1st Month 1772 The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island James Chaſe James Mitchell Wm. Redwood & Jacob Mott Junr.
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell Wm. Moſher Job Ruſsell & Wm. Anthony Junr.
Greenwich Jeremiah Spencer Ephraim Congdon & Carey Spencer
Nantucket none
Smithfield Thomas Steere Benjn. Arnold Moſes Farnum & Thos. Lapham Junr.
Swanſey Eber Chaſe & Job Anthony
South Kingstown John Gorton & Nicholas Bragg
Acoakset Joſhua Davel & Philip Tripp.

The friends Appointed to make inquiry after thoſe records and papers belonging to this Meeting which had not come to the hand of the preſent Clerk made report that they have found sd. records & delivered them with the other papers according to the direction of the Quarterly Meeting

Receivd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings (except Nantucket) with anſwers to the Queries

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth in their account inform that Humphry Smith requested an appeal from a Judgment of sd. Meeting respecting a Differenie between him & Benjn. Shearman Thomas Sherman & Peleg Sherman - This Meeting appoints Our friends David Buffum Nicholas Bragg Jacob Mott Junr. Ephraim Congdon Stephen Hoxſie Thos. Gould Junr. & Daniel Aldrich a Committee to hear & determine sd. Matter & make return to the adjournment of this Meeting

A Certificate on Behalf of our Esteemed friend Samuel Neale from a three-weeks mens Meeting held in Cork the 23d of the 4th Mo. 1770 - and likewiſe one from the National half Years Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in Dublin the 9th of the 5th Mo. 1770 Concurring therewith —— And also a Certificate on Behalf of Our Esteemed Friend David Ferriſs from a Monthly Meeting in Wilmington in the County of New-Castle on Delaware held the 11th of the 9th Mo. 1771. were read in this Meeting to good Satiſfaction ——

Our friends Moſes Farnum Abraham Barker Wm. Anthony Junr. Carey Spencer Moſes Buffington Wm. Redwood & Philip Tripp are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings (& they are deſired carefully to inspect the anſwers to the queries from each Meeting and make such remarks as they think neceſsary) and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The Committee appointed to hear & determine the appeal brought by Humphry Smith from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth made return to this meeting which is accepted & is as followeth ——

To the Quarterly Meeting now sitting ——
We being appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to hear & determine an appeal brought by Humphry Smith from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth against him, have heard the Evidences and Alligations of both parties & maturely Considered the same, it is our Judgment that the sd Smith Comply with the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, and leave the matter in Dispute beetween him & Benjamin Sherman Thomas Sherman & Peleg Sherman as far as respects the line between their Lands, to arbitrators indifferently Choſen, and that both parties bind themselves to abide the Judgment of sd arbitrators in such a manner as may make a final Deciſion
Newport 10th of ye 1st Mo. 1772

Stephen Hoxſie
Nicholas Bragg Jacob Mott Junr.
Daniel Aldrich Thomas Gould Junr.
David Buffum Ephraim Congdon

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in London in the year 1751 respecting the alteration of the Stile & manner of Calling the names of the Months & days of the week, was read in this Meeting, and Our friends Joseph Jacob & William Redwood are appointed to get three thouſand Copies thereof printed on One Side of a broad Sheet in Order to be diſperſed among friends & make return to next Quarterly Meeting ——

Certificates on behalf of Our friends Samuel Neale & David Ferriſs directed to the Meetings to which they Belong were Signed in this Meeting

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read approv'd and Signed in this Meeting by the Clerk ———

The following sums of money have been Collected & sent in Order for the aſsistance of Smithfield Monthly Meetings building & repairing their Meeting houſes, Since our Quarterly Meeting in ye 7th Mo. last (viz.) Dartmouth £4:5:6 Lawful money Swanſey £1-0-8 SouthKingstown £1=13-0 ———

This Meeting apprehending that it would be of Service to the Several Monthly Meetings be longing to this Meeting to be viſited by a Committee Suitable for that Service & accordingly We appoint Our friends James Mitchell Isaac Lawton Paul Ruſsell Moſes Farnum Ephraim Congdon Thomas Haſzard & Philip Tripp to perform that Service & make return to next Quarterly Meeting ———

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 9th of the 4th Mo. 1772 — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony James Chaſe & Peter Barker
Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker Wm. Barker Samuel Smith & William Anthony Junr.
Greenwich, Ephraim Congdon ——
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell
Smithfield Thomas Steere Benjn. Arnold & Thos. Lapham Junr.
Swanſey Edward Upton & Theophilus Shove Junr.
South Kingstown Thos. Hazard & John Collins it appear'd by verbal acct. that they were apointed as no written acct. apperd from thence ——
Acoakset Joshua Davel —

Humphry Smith of Dartmouth Sent a few lines to this Meetg. in which he deſired an appeal to the Yearly Meeting, from the Judgement of last Quarterly Meeting which is granted, and We appoint Our friends Wm. Anthony Junr. Jacob Mott Junr. & Ephraim Congdon to repreſent the matter to the Yearly Meeting ——

The matter reſpecting the printing a number of extracts from the Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in London 1751 is Continued under the Care of the friends appointed at last Quarterly Meeting for that Service of which this Meeting deſires the Yearly Meeting may be acquainted in Order for their Approbation ——

It appearing to this Meeting by the report of part of the Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to visit the Several Monthly Meetgs. that one of sd. Meetings hath not been visited by any of them, and that Several of them have not visited either of sd. Meetgs. Since their appointment, Therefore sd. Committee are Continued in Order that each of sd. Meetings may be visited by them, and Jonathan Macy Joseph Mitchell & Edward Shove are appointed to Joyn them in that Service & return to be made to next Quarterly Meeting ——

Receivd accots. from the Several Monthly Meetings except S: Kingstown with answers to the Queries which were read in this meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket in their Epistle desire the mind of this Meeting whether it be Consistent with Truth for the Members of our Society to joyn themselves with those Called Free-Masons, and how it will be adviseable to proceed with such, This Meeting taking it under notice do refer to the next Yearly Meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their Epistle Signified their approbation of the publick Testimony of Moses Farnum & recommend him as a Member of the Select Meeting, of which this Meeting approveth and the Clerk is desired to inform the Select Quarterly Meetg thereof — Said Meeting also desire the advice of this Meeting whether it be best to receive Collections of any but friends for building of Meeting houses or repairing of them, or in what Cases if any, which being taken under notice is referd to the next Yearly Meeting ——

Our friends Abraham Anthony Samuel Smith William Redwood Moses Farnum Thomas Hazard Joseph Mitchell Theophilus Shove Junr. Thomas Lapham Junr. & Philip Tripp are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & they are desird Carefully to inspect the Answers to the Queries & make remarks to sd. meetings accordingly and also to draw an accot. to the Yearly Meeting & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

We appoint Our friends Abraham Anthony Joseph Tucker Ephraim Congdon Jonathan Macy Thomas Steere Edward Upton John Collins & Joshua Davel to attend the next Yearly Meeting as representitives

We are informed that friends at Philadelphia are about to reprint William Sewels History of the rise & Progress of Friends and this Meeting Concludes to inform the Yearly Meeting & Monthly Meetings thereof in Order for Subscriptions ——

This Meeting is adjournd to the 12th hour to morrow

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

Receiv'd an accot from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting with anſwers to the Queries by John Knowles one of their repreſentitive, in Sd accot they deſire of this Meeting their advice & expoſition on that part of Our Discipline which forbids marriage with near kindred, of which this meetg takes notice & refer it to the next Yearly Meeting —

Said Monthly Meeting informs this meeting that the Meeting houſes under the Care of Sd Monthly Meeting Stand in need of Conſiderable being laid out upon them in finishing & repairing them, and likewiſe of their inability to defray the expence thereof, And deſire us to take it into Conſideration, And this Meeting appoints Our friends Abraham Anthony William Redwood & Samſon Sherman a Committee to inſpect the Condition of Sd houſes & estimate the Cost neceſsary to be laid out upon them & make return to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The following Proposals were read in this Meeting & order'd to be sent up to the Yearly Meeting for their Conſideration

It is propoſed to this Meeting whether it might not be well for publick Friends when they have it on their minds to travel out of the verge of the Quarterly Meeting they belong to, to acquaint the Elders of their respective meeting therewith & have their Concurrence therein before they move it to the preparitive Meeting in order for a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting, And also when they have it on their minds to travel out of the verge of the Yearly Meeting that they proceed in like manner & take a Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting they belong to Concurring with the Monthly Meetg therein

It is also Proposed that any Perſon coming from one Monthly Meetg to another in order to propoſe their intentions of marriage that they bring a Certificate with them to the first Monthly Meeting from the monthly meeting where they belong Signifying their parents or Guardians Conſent if they have any as well as their Converſation & Disentanglement with other Perſons ——

An account to the Yearly Meeting, & Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approv'd of in this Meeting and Signed by the Clerk ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 9th of ye 7th Mo 1772 The Several Monthly Meetings be ing Called their Repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Mitchell Wm Redwood & Jacob Mott Junr
Dartmouth Paul Ruſsell Caleb Ruſsell Jonathan Huſsey William Sanford & Wm Moſher
Greenwich Wm Cumstock Jabez Greene Ephraim Congdon and Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell & Nathaniel Gardner
Smithfield Daniel Southwick Benjn Arnold & George Arnold
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Thomas Earle
South Kingstown Thomas Hazard & Amos Collins
Acoakset Peleg Huddleſtone & Ichabod Eddy

The Committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meetings having not accompliſhed that Service they are still Continued and deſired to attend thereto with diligence & make return to next Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to inſpect the Condition of the Meetg houſes under the Care of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and estimate the Cost neceſsary to be laid out upon them, made return that South Kingtown lower Meetg houſe needed £30 - . - upper Meeting houſe £4 - 10 - Westerly Meeting houſe £3 - 12 - Hopkintown Meeting houſe £9 - . - Richmond Meeting houſe £12 - 18 - . - But as they inform there is some difficulty respecting the Title of the Land on which South Kingstown lower Meetg houſe stands the raiſing of money for repairing ſd houſe is referred until the Title be Secured, and the Several Monthly Meetings are deſired in their freedom to Contribute toward the others

Receivd accots from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

A minute from the Monthly Meeting held on the oblong in the Province of New York the 21st of the 5th Mo 1772 Signifying their Unity with Thomas Cumſtock in his viſit to those parts and likewiſe a minute from ſd Meetg of the same date Signifying their unity with Gaius Talcot in accompanying him were read in this Meetg to Satisfaction

Receiv'd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting with Several matters there Concluded on which was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction & ordered to be tranſcribed & sent down to the Several Monthly Meetings

Our friends Wm Rotch Wm Redwood Jacob Mott Junr. George Arnold Abraham Barker Caleb Carpenter & Joseph Mitchell are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & tranſcribe the Epistle & thoſe other matters Concluded on at our last Yearly Meeting in order to be sent to the Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meetg

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met by adjournment

Receiv'd a number of printed Epistles & a written one from Our friends & Brethren at their Yearly Meeting held in London by adjournments from the 20th of ye 5th Mo 1771 to the 25th of the same Incluſive & alſo one written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Our friends & Brethren held in Philadelphia by adjournments from the 21st of the 9th Mo to the 26th of the same Incluſive 1771 and also one from the Yearly Meeting of Our friends & Brethren held at flushing on Long Island from the 30th day of the 5th Mo 1772 to the 2nd of the 6th Mo Incluſive which were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction & as they Contain much good advice & Counſel the written ones are ordered to be tranſcribed & sent down to the Several Monthly Meetings

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetgs. preſented three which were read approv'd of & sign'd & sent to the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth Nantucket & Smithfield, and the Clerk of this Meeting & Jacob Mott Junr. are deſired to take Care that the rest of the Monthly Meetgs be supplied with Copies of the same & alſo tranſcribe the above sd. written Epistles & send them down to the Several Monthly Meetings

Our friends Joseph Jacob & Wm Redwood are appointed to take in Subſcriptions & Subſcription money in behalf of this Quarterly Meeting for reprinting Wm Sewels history & to forward the same to the printer or the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia

Certificates on behalf of our friends Thomas Cumstock & Gaius Talcott directed to the Monthly Meeting on the Oblong was read approved & sign'd in this Meeting by Jacob Mott Junr. Clerk for this time

158 At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 8th of the 10th month 1772 — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging their Representatives are

Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott Jun.r & Abr.m Barker
Dartmouth, William Anthony & William Barker
Greenwich None
Nantucket Samuel Starbuck & Richard Worth
Smithfield Elisha Thornton Tho.s Lapham Jun.r David Buffum and Jonathan Arnold
Swansey Job Anthony & Caleb Earl
South Kingstown None
Acoakset None

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Receiv'd accounts from the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island Dartmouth Nantucket Smithfield & Swansey with Answers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting —

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth inform that they have not receiv'd an Epistle from Our last Quarterly Meeting, therefore the friends who draw Epistles from this Meeting are desired to insert to them what shall appear Necessary to have gone from S.d Meet.g —

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket inform that they have appointed Joseph Mitchell to the place of an Elder in the room of Matthew Macy who desired to be discontinued, of which this Meeting approveth —

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey inform that the winter apartment of their Meeting house is not Sufficient to Contain the gatherings in the extremity of the Season, and desire Our advice & help respecting it We therefore appoint our friends James Chase Isaac Lawton Thomas Lapham Jun.r W.m Anthony Jun.r & Jonathan Arnold to inspect the Condition of S.d apartment and if it appear Necessary to Enlarge it, then to estimate the Cost thereof, and make return to next Quarterly Meeting —

This Meeting being inform'd that Our friend William Redwood is about to remove out of this Quarterly Meeting, And as he hath been frequently employ'd by this Meeting in receiving & sending to other places sums of money it is thought Necessary & is agreeable to his request; to appoint a Committee to audit the acco.ts & examine the papers respecting it & according We appoint our friends Jacob Mott Jun.r Thomas Gould Jun.r & Isaac Lawton for that purpose & they are to make return to next Quarterly Meeting —

William Redwood read in this Meeting a few lines from Joseph Sherwood one of our Correspondents in London Signifying that as there is but one Correspondent in New England that the Meeting for Sufferings in London are deſirous that two or three more may be added, sd matter is ordered to be carried up to the next Yearly Meeting for their Conſideration ——

Our friends Abraham Anthony Abraham Barker Thomas Lapham Jr Joseph Mitchell Eliſha Thornton Wm Anthony Jur & Jonathan Arnold are appointed to draw Epiſtles to the Several Monthly Meetings & they are deſired carefully to inſpect the anſwers to the Queries and adviſe accordingly & bring the Epiſtles to the adjournment of this Meetg.

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

Met according to adjournment ——

Receiv'd an accot with anſwers to the queries from the Monthly Meeting of Acoakset by the hand of Joshua Davel one of their repreſentitives in sd accot they inform that Isaac Cornell deſired an appeal from a Judgment of sd Meeting, but as sd Cornell did not appear nor any on his behalf to proſecute sd appeal & this Meeting not knowing the Cauſe why,, It is therefore refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island inform that John Borden deſired an appeal from a Judgment of sd Meeting but as sd Borden did not appear nor any on his behalf to proſecute sd appeal and this Meeting not knowing the Cauſe why, It is referred to next Quarterly Meeting ——

Certificates on behalf of Our friends Mehetabel & Sarah Jenkins from the Monthly Meeting of Dover in New Hampſhire held the 20th of the 6th Mo. 1772 with the approbation of the Quarterly held at Salem the 28th of the 9th Mo. 1772 were read in this Meetg to Satiſfaction

Epiſtles to the Several Monthly Meetings were read & approv'd in this Meeting & Signed by the Clerk —

This Meeting hath raiſed £4 10s Lawful money & deliverd it to Jacob Mott Jur to pay for the extracts agreed on by last Yearly Meetg.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island hath sent to this Meeting the Sum of twelve pounds Lawful money for repairing Meeting houſes at South Kingstown which is delivered to John Collins for that purpoſe

The Committee appointed to viſit the Monthly Meetings not having made a full return they are still Continued in that Service and deſired to make return to next Quarterly Meeting —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island the 7th of the 1st month 1773 The ſeveral Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentatives are

For
Rhode Island. Abraham Anthony Peter Barker Jur. & Gould Marsh.
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker & William Sanford
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon & Joseph Baker
Nantucket none
Smithfield Moſes Farnum Benjn. Arnold Jonathan Arnold & Eliſha Thornton
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Theophilus Shove Jur.
South Kingstown Nicholas Bragg & Andrew Nichols Jur.
Acoakset Joseph Tripp & Joshua Davel

The major part of the Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meetg to inſpect Swanſey Meeting houſe &c. made return wich is accepted by this Meeting & is as followeth

We of the Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to inſpect Swanſey Meeting houſe &c. Do report that we have been & viewed the same and we think the following alteration & addition might be of Service viz.t To build a Chimney at the South end of sd. houſe & cover the open place in the gallery & stair way & some small alteration in the Seats, & we estimate the Cost to amount to eighteen pounds Lawful money

Isaac Lawton
Thomas Lapham Jur.
Jonathan Arnold Jur.

This Meeting approving of the above proposed alteration of said Meeting houſe do recommend it to the Several Monthly Meetings and deſire them to Contribute toward the Cost thereof & send it up to next Quarterly Meeting

Part of the Committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meetings made report to this Meeting by which it appears that some of them have viſited all some others the greatest part, and some but few of sd. Meetings, and as it doth not appear to this Meeting that there is Sufficient engagement on the minds of thoſe who have been deficient, to anſwer their appointment fully, said Committee are diſmiſsed from that Service

Our Friend Joseph Tucker inform'd this Meeting that Isaac Cornell deſired that his appeal to the last Quarterly Meeting might be dropt this Meeting therefore diſmiſseth sd. appeal

John Borden sent a few lines to this Meeting setting forth his indiſpoſition of body & deſiring that his appeal might be refer'd & sd. appeal accordingly is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket with anſwers to the Queries which was read in this Meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island inform that Joseph Clarke re-quested an appeal to this Meeting from a Judgment of Sd. Monthly Meetg. which was granted We therefore appoint our Friends David Buffum Benjn. Buffington David Steere Ephraim Congdon & Theophilus Shove Junr. a Committee to hear & determine Sd. matter & make return to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

Receiv'd accots. from Greenwich & South Kingstown which were directed to last Quarterly Meeting (but did not then come to hand by reaſon of the difficulty of the weather) which were read in this Meeting, in that from South Kingstown they deſire the advice & Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting whether it be Consistant with Truth for any friend to marry with a deceas'd Wife's Siſter or deceas'd husbands brother and if not what is neceſsary to be done in such Caſes, which is refer'd to the Yearly Meeting for their advice ——

In that from Greenwich they inform that they have raiſed & sent by their representitives 18s/3d Lawful money for South Kingstown Monthly Meeting which now came to hand & is deliver'd to John Collins for the Service of Sd. Meeting ——

In their account from Dartmouth they mention'd a request of the Elders of their Meeting respecting some alteration in holding the Yearly Meetings there & at Acoakset, but as it doth not appear that Acoakset friends were Conſulted in that affair they are deſired to Confer together & agree upon an alteration & send it up to the next Quarterly Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield inform that they have Contributed for South Kingstown Monthly Meetg, and sent by Moſes Farnum £1—16s— Lawful money, which is now deliver'd to John Collins for the Service of Sd. Meeting ——

They also inform that they have appointed Thomas Lapham Junr. to the place of an Elder of which this Meeting approveth, and the Clerk is deſired to inform the Select Meeting thereof ——

Our Friends Thomas Lapham Junr. Gould Marsh George Arnold Moſes Farnum & Caleb Carpenter are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

The Monthly Meeting of Acoakset sent £1–0–3 Lawful money to this Meeting for South Kingstown Monthly Meeting which is delivered to John Collins for the Service of Sd Meeting ——

The Queries were read in this Meeting & the answers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket

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The Friends appointed to draw epistles to the Monthly Meeting brought them, which after being read were approved of & signed in this Meeting by the Clerk ——

The Committee appointed to hear & determine the matter brought by appeal from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting made return which is accepted & is as followeth ——

We the Committee appointed to hear & determine the appeal brought by Joseph Clarke from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island having met & heard both parties & maturely Considered the Same, and it is our Judgment that Sd Monthly Meeting proceeded against him according to our Rules of Discipline, and we do therefore Confirm the Judgment of the said Meeting ——

the 7th of the 1st Mo 1773

Ephraim Congdon
Benjamin Buffington
David Buffum
Theophilus Shove Junr
David Steere

Two of the Committee appointed to Settle accounts with William Redwood having accomplished that affair made return which is accepted & is as followeth

Agreeable to the appointment of last Quarterly Meeting We have settled accounts with William Redwood respecting the sums of money he hath receivd of this meeting &c. we having examined his accots & papers relating thereto find that he hath applied all the money to the use he receivd it for & he produced a receipt for the fifty pounds sterling which the Yearly Meeting sent to England to supply the Yearly Meeting stock in London

Jacob Mott Junr
Isaac Lawton

Newport 8th of 1st Mo 1773

And whereas Sd Wm Redwood was under appointment with our friend Joseph Jacob to take the necessary Care respecting Sewels history Subscribed for by this Quarterly Meetg & hath removd from us We appoint our friend Thomas Robinson to supply his place in that affair ——

A Certificate on behalf of our friend William Jones directed to the Monthly Meeting at Burlington in West Jersey was signed in this Meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 8th of the 4th M^{o} 1773 — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their representitives are —

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Chase & Jacob Mott Jun^{r}
Dartmouth W^{m} Mosher Job Russell Prince Allen Sam^{l} Smith & Barzilla Tucker —
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon & Carey Spencer —
Nantucket None —
Smithfield Jonathan Farnum Oziel Wilkinson W^{m} Buffum Daniel Aldrich David Steere & W^{m} Basset —
Swansey Job Anthony & Theophilus Shove Jun^{r} —
South Kingstown by verbal acc^{t} Tho^{s} Hasard Solomon Hoxsie & Stephen Hoxsie
Acoaksset Joshua Davel Joseph Tripp & Caleb Tripp —

John Borden not appearing at this Meeting to prosecute his appeal nor requesting it to be referr'd Therefore S^{d} appeal is dismiss'd unless he appear at the next Quarterly Meeting to revive it —

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket their acc^{t} from South Kingstown was verbal in which this Meeting was inform'd that S^{d} Meeting had prepar'd a written one which thro neglect of their representitives was not brought, S^{d} Meeting Sent £1-4^{s}— Lawful money, the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich sent 12^{s}/ & Rhode Island Monthly Sent £8-.-. all which is delivered to Caleb Earle for altering Swansey Meeting house

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey Sent £1-16^{s} Lawful Money for South Kingstown Monthly Meeting which is deliver'd to John Collins for the Use of S^{d} Meeting in repairing their Meeting houses —

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth in their acc^{t} inform that David Smith desired an appeal from a Judgment of S^{d} Meeting which was granted, and We appoint our friends David Steere Theophilus Shove Jun^{r} Stephen Hoxsie Elisha Thornton & Jonathan Farnum a Committee to hear & determine S^{d} matter and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting —

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their acc^{t} inform that Ebenezer Callum requested an appeal from a Judgment of S^{d} Meet^{g} which was granted & We appoint our friends Ephraim Congdon Caleb Earl of Swansey Jacob Mott Jun^{r} Peleg Peckham & Joseph Mitchell a Committee to hear & determine S^{d} matter and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting —

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings except South Kingstown, the answers from Nantucket were directed to the last Quarterly Meeting

Our friends Isaac Lawton Thomas Hasard David Buffum George Arnold Oziel Wilkinson Joseph Congdon & Thos Lapham Jur are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meeting & likewise & Epistle to the Yearly Meeting & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ———

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met by Adjournment ———

The Friends appointed to hear & determine the appeal brot by David Smith from a judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth againshim, made return which is accepted by this Meeting & is as followeth —

We the Committee appointed to hear & Determine an appeal brought by David Smith from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, having met & heard the parties & maturely Considerd the Same, and it is our Opinion that the Monthly Meeting had Sufficient grounds for their proceedings against him, Therefore we do Confirm the Judgment of Sd Meeting

Portsmouth 9th of the 4th Month 1773

Stephen Hoxsie
Jonathan Farnum
Theophilus Shove Jur
David Steere
Elisha Thornton

The Committee appointed to hear & determine the appeal brought by Ebenezer Callum from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield against him made return which is accepted by this meetg and is as followeth ———

We being appointed to hear & determine an appeal brought by Ebenezer Callum from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield against him have met & heard their allegations on both sides & maturely Considered the Same, do Confirm the Judgment of Sd Monthly Meeting ———

Portsmouth 8th of the 4th 1773

Jacob Mott Jur
Peleg Peckham
Caleb Earle
Ephraim Congdon
Joseph Mitchell

Ebenezer Callum requested an appeal to the yearly Meeting from the aboveSd Judgment which is granted and our friends George Smith George Cumstock Jonathan Arnold and Joseph Mitchell are appointed to represent the matter to said Yearly Meeting ———

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth Sent the following agreement on an alteration of the Yearly Meeting there & at Acoakset which this Meeting refers to the next Yearly Meeting for their Consideration

We the Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth & Acoakset, purſuant to appointment we have weightily Conſidered the matter in regard to an alteration in Our Yearly Meeting, and have agreed that Sd. Meetings be two distinct Meetings the better to accomodate the Select Meeting, and that they both be held at the same time as heretofore, and that the time of Meeting be fixed as followeth (viz) the first day of Sd Meeting to begin at the twelfth hour The second day at the eleventh hour and the last day at the tenth hour ——

Dartmouth ye 10th of the 3d Mo 1773

Joseph Tucker
Semuel Siſson Abraham Tucker
Joshua Davel Jonathan Huſsey
Samd. Smith Joseph Tripp
Paul Ruſsell Job Ruſsell

The following propoſals from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield were noticed in this Meeting & are refer'd to the next yearly Meeting for Conſideration (vizt) — We would propoſe to the Quarterly Meeting whether it would not be better that all negroes in Slavery were Set free therefrom, —— We being under an apprehenſion that the Generall Meetings appointed only for Worship, prove not to the advancement of piety & virtue but rather with many Serve only for pastime & diverſion, Therefore we propoſe whether it may not be better to have them dropt, But in perticular We deſire that that Called Providence Yearly Meeting may be discontinued so We deſire theſe proposals & request to be carried up to the Yearly Meeting for their Conſideration. —— It was thought best that there be a reviſal of the Queries We think some addition might be Serviceable & perhaps some alteration ——

The following friends vizt David Buffum Thomas Lapham Jur. Joseph Mitchell Thomas Haſzard & Isaac Lawton are appointed a Committee to visit the Several Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarterly Meeting & inſpect the Condition & Circumſtances of Sd: Meetings & how they Conduct the affairs thereof & make return of their proceedings & the State of the Monthly Meetings aſsoon as they Conveniently can. ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their accot. Signify that they are deſirous that the Quarterly Meeting Succeeding the Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island be held at Smithfield Old Meeting houſe and that which is held upon the first month be held at Providence, which is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting receiv'd of Jacob Mott Jur. the extracts which the Yearly Meeting ordered to be printed for this Quarterly Meeting which are divided & sent to the Several Monthly Meetings ——

Our Friends James Mitchell Philip Tripp William Moſher Ephraim Congdon Joseph Mitchell George Smith Caleb Earle and John Collins are appointed to attend the next Yearly Meeting as repreſentitives —

Epiſtles to the Several Monthly Meetings & an epiſtle to the yearly Meeting were read & approvd by this Meeting, and Signed by the Clerk

The Queries were read in this Meeting and anſwers Collected from the anſwers of the Several Monthly Meetings & annex'd to the accot. Sent up to the Yearly Meeting, — Said anſwers were Signed by the Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island the 8th of the 7 Mo. 1773. — The Several Monthly Meetgs. thereto belonging being Called their repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island, Abraham Anthony & Giles Lawton
Dartmouth Nicholas Howland Caleb Ruſsell Thomas Hicks & Barzilla Tucker
Greenwich Paul Greene & Cary Spencer
Nantucket Jonathan Macy & Joseph Mitchell
Smithfield Thomas Steere Daniel Anthony Jonathan Farnum & Augustus Lapham
Swanſey Philip Chaſe & Silas Chaſe Junr.
South Kingstown Solomon Horſie & Stephen Horſie
Acoakset Peleg Huddlestone & Benjamin Tripp

The matter refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting respecting holding one of our Quarterly Meetings at Smithfield and one at Providence being taken under notice in this Meeting We appoint our friends James Mitchell John Collins Barzilla Tucker Ephraim Congdon Moſes Farnum Jonathan Macy Philip Tripp and Silas Chaſe Junr. a Committee to take Sd. matter under Conſideration and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting what they find Convenient to be done in that respect or whether it might be best to divide this Quarterly Meeting & if divided, how

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting —

In their acct. from the monthly Meeting of Swanſey they inform that Charles Maſon requested an appeal from a Judgment of Sd. Meeting against him, Sd. Maſon not appearing to proſecute his appeal, it is therefore diſmiſs'd unleſs he render a Sufficient reaſon to the next Quarterly Meetg. for his not appearing at this

In their account from Rhode Island monthly Meeting they inform that they have approv'd of Lydia Chase as an Elder of which this Meeting desires Isaac Lawton to inform the Select Meeting —

The monthly meeting of Dartmouth sent a Copy of a report of a Committee appointed to Consider about building a Meeting-house at Bedford desiring this Meetings advice therein, And we appoint our friends James Chase Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott Junr. Thomas Steere & Jonathan Farnum a Committee to advise in that respect as they shall find necessary and make report to this meeting assoon as they can with conveniency —

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield sent £1-4· towards repairing Swansey Meeting house which is deliver'd to Silas Chase Junr. for that purpose —

Our friends Caleb Carpenter Stephen Hoxsie George Arnold George Cumstock Jonathan Arnold Jabez Greene Philip Tripp and Benjamin Barney Junr: are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting —

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 11th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment —

David Smith of Dartmouth sent a few lines to this Meetg Complaining of the monthly meeting of Dartmouth that he requested an appeal from a Judgment of Sd. Meeting held the 21st. of the 6th mo. last, but Could not obtain one, We therefore advise Sd. Meeting to grant him an appeal to our next Quarterly Meeting or render to us their reasons why they do not —

Receiv'd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting which was read in this Meeting & kindly accepted —

One printed Epistle from London & also transcripts of the written Epistles from London Philadelphia & Flushing were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction, and Jacob Mott Jur. & Isaac Lawton are desired to furnish each of Our Monthly Meetings with a Copy of each of Sd. transcripts & likewise with a Copy of an Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings at Philadelphia which also was read in this Meeting

The Committee appointed to Consider of the matter referr'd from last Quarterly Meeting Concerning the Quarterly Meetings being held in Smithfield & Providence or whether it might be best to divide the Quarterly Meeting and how made the following return which is received & referr'd to next Quarterly Meeting for further Consideration —

We the Committee appointed to Conſider of the matter referr'd from last Quarter Concerning the Quarterly Meetings being held in Smithfield & Providence, or whether it might ~~be~~ best to divide this Quarterly Meeting and if divided then how, having met & Considered of the same, it is our Opinion it may be best to divide this Quarterly Meeting if friends are Unanimous in it, and to be done in the following manner (vizt) South Kingstown Greenwich & Smithfield monthly Meetings to be a Quarterly Meeting and Swanſey Monthly Meeting to be added thereto if they Chuſe it, and not Otherwiſe they to make their Choice at or before the next Yearly Meeting so as to be then known. Neverthelеſs it is Submitted to the Quarterly Meeting by us —

9th of the 7th Mo. 1773

Moſes Farnum
Ephraim Congdon
Silas Chaſe Junr.
Barzilla Tucker

James Mitchell
John Collins
Jonathan Macy
Philip Tripp

The Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to visit the Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging made return that they have visited them & set forth in sd return their Senſe of the State of each particular Meeting by which it appears that sd Meetings are still in need of further encouragement & aſsistance We therefore appoint our friends Thomas Hazard Moſes Farnum Joseph Mitchell Daniel Anthony & Barzilla Tucker a Committee to perform that service & make return to next Quarterly meetg

Our friend William Redwood from Philadelphia inform'd this meetg that he hath in his Care a Number of books for Rhode Island Yearly Meeting & deſires to be discharged thereof We therefore Deſire our friend Joseph Jacob to take Charge of sd books on behalf of the Yearly Meeting —

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings preſented them which after being read & approved were Signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 7th of the 10th Mo: 1773 — The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their repreſentitives are —

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Chaſe Jacob Mott Junr.
and Peter Barker
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell Barzilla Tucker Wm Anthony Junr
Wm Barker Prince Allin & Saml: Smith
Greenwich Joseph Baker & Ephraim Congdon —
Nantucket none —
Smithfield Thos: Steere David Steere Oziel Wilkinſon & Saml: Arnold
Swanſey Eber Chaſe Job Anthony & George Shove —
South Kingstown John Collins & Thomas Haſard —
Acoakset Philip Tripp —

The Committee appointed to adviſe reſpecting building a Meeting houſe at Bedford made return which is accepted by this Meeting & is as followeth

We being appointed by the last Quarterly Meeting to adviſe reſpecting building a Meeting house at Bedford in Dartmouth have viſited them at one of their Meetings there & Confer'd with them reſpecting sd. matter, there appear'd to be some Solid friends who offer'd some weighty reaſons for building sd. houſe — Nevertheleſs we think upon Solid Consideration it will be most adviſeable for them to make some further trial in holding in holding their Meetings there both on first days & week days before they proceed to build a Meeting houſe

Dartmouth 9th Mo: 3. 1773

Abraham Anthony
James Chaſe
Thomas Steere
Jacob Mott Junr.

~~The Committee appointed to Consider of~~ The matter refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting reſpecting dividing the Quarterly Meeting is again refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting

A Certificate from Exeter Monthly Meeting of friends held at maiden Creek in Berks County & Province of Penſylvania the 28th of the 7th Mo: 1773 on behalf of Our Esteemed Friends Abel Thomas & Samuel Lee was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction —

Receiv'd accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket

In their accot. from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting they inform that they have Granted an appeal to David Smith from a Judgmt. of Sd. Meeting, And we appoint our friends Thomas Steere Ephraim Congdon Benjn. Arnold George Shove & Thomas Lapham Junr a Committee to hear & Determine that matter & make return to the Adjournment of this Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their accot. inform that Ezra Bartlet deſired an appeal from a Judgmt. of Sd. Meeting which was granted, but Sd. Bartlet not appearing to proſecute Sd. appeal it is therefore diſmiſsed unleſs he appear at next Quarterly Meeting or send his reaſons for his not appearing at this

The Queries & anſwers thereto were read in this Meeting

We appoint our friends Abraham Barker Jacob Mott Junr. Moſes Farnum George Arnold Joseph Mitchell Thomas Hazard Barzill Tucker Daniel Anthony & John Lawton to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment

Some Concluſions as rules for the Society from the last Yearly Meeting were read in this Meeting & the Clerk is deſired to take care that each of the Monthly Meetings here to belonging have a Copy thereof

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed friend Eliſabeth Southwick directed to friends at New York & Elsewhere was Signed in this meeting by the Clerk

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed friends Abel Thomas & Samuel Lee directed to the monthly Meeting to which they belong was signed in this Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich in their ac^{t} inform that their Meeting houſe there & also that at Cranston needs repairing and deſire some aſsistance & direction of this Quarterly Meeting We therefore appoint our friends W^{m} Anthony Samſon Sherman Jacob Mott Jun^{r}. Benj^{n} Arnold & Joseph Congdon to take a view of S^{d}: houſes & make return to next Quarterly Meeting what they think best to be done respecting them, and if any thing appears needful to be done to estimate the Cost —

The Committee appointed to hear & determine the appea^{l} brought by David Smith made return which is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting & also his request for an appeal from a Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting in the 4th Month last is referd to next Quarterly Meeting —

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to viſit the Monthly Meetings made return by which it appears to this Meeting neceſsary that further Labour & aſsistance be bestowed towards their help We therefore appoint Our friends Moſes Farnum John Collins George Arnold Thomas Lapham Jun^{r}. & Isaac Lawton a Committee to perform that Service & make return to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings preſented them which after being read & approv'd were Signed by the Clerk ——

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island the 13th of the 1st Month 1774 — The Several Monthly Meeting thereto belonging being Called their repreſentatives are

Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Philip Wanton & Jacob Mott Jun
Dartmouth Prince Allin Nicholas Howland W^{m}. Anthony Jun^{r}. & William Wood ——
Greenwich Cary Spencer —— Nantucket none ——
Smithfield Daniel Aldrich George Cumstock Jonathan Arnold and Job Scott ——
Swanſey Preſerved Brayton Moſes Buffinton & Theophilus Shove Jun^{r}.
South Kingstown John Collins & Thomas Haſzard ——
Acoakset Joseph Tripp & James Sowle ——

The matter respecting dividing the Quarterly Meeting, is again refered to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting respecting repairing Greenwich & Cranston Meeting houses made return which is accepted by this Meeting & is as followeth ——

Agreeable to the appointment of last Quarterly Meeting We have viewed the Meeting houses at Greenwich & Cranston and think it needful to repair them both & have estimated the Cost, that at Greenwich fifty Six pounds Lawful money & that at Cranston twenty pounds like money ——

Greenwich 12th Mo 6th : 1773

Wm Anthony
Benj:n Arnold
Samson Sherman
Jos: Congdon
Jacob Mott Junr:

And we recommend it to the Several Monthly Meetings desiring them in their Freedom to Contribute thereto and send sd Contributions up to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The following return refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting is now accepted by this Meeting

We the Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to hear and Determine the appeal brought by David Smith from a Judgment of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the 6th month last against said David, having heard the parties and Considered the Circumstances do Confirm the Judgment of said Monthly Meeting

Portsmouth the 7th of 10th Mo 1773.

Benjamin Arnold
Ephraim Congdon
George Shove
Thomas Lapham Junr:

From which David Smith requested an appeal to the next Yearly Meeting, and likewise from a Judgment of the Quarterly Meeting in the 4th month last which are granted & we appoint our friends Benj:n Arnold Wm Anthony Junr. & Thomas Lapham Junr. to represent sd matters in behalf of this Meeting ——

The Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to labour with & assist the Monthly Meetings made the following return

We the Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to labour and aſsist the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter have viſited them all (except Nantucket and we think that there is some increaſe of engagement in some members in most of the Meetings to build up the walls and revive the Discipline, that so Sion may shine & again put on her beautiful garments yet weakneſs appears; They need help, and Aſsistance & especially some of the Meetings greatly stand in need thereof

P. S. altho Isaac Lawton hath sign'd the above it is to be understood that he did not attend South Kingstown & Smithfield meetings
The 12th of 1st Mo 1774

John Collins
Isaac Lawton
Moſes Farnum
Thomas Lapham Junr
George Arnold

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries (excepting Nantucket) which were read in this Meeting

We appoint our friends Thomas Haſzard Moſes Farnum Wm. Anthony Junr. Theophilus Shove Junr. Eliſha Thornton & George Cumstock to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of South Kingstown inform that they have Obtained a Deed of the Old Meeting houſe & Lott in South Kingstown, And as there was a Committees return to the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th Month 1772 setting forth that said houſe needed thirty pounds Lawful money to be laid out for repairing S. houſe We now recommend to the several Monthly Meetings that they in their freedom Contribute thereto & send S: Contributions up to next Quarterly Meeting

Said Meeting also deſired the advice of this Meeting in regard to recording Manumiſsions that are given by friends whether to record them on friends records or the records of the Town which we refer to the next Yearly Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment

Giles Hoſier by a few lines informed this Meeting of his inability to attend & proſecute his appeal to this Meeting and deſired it might be referd it is therefore referd to next Quarterly Meeting he also deſired that a Complaint which he sent to this Meeting might be referd, the receiving of which Complaint is referd to the Conſideration of next Quarterly Meeting ——

David Smith sent a few lines to this Meeting by which and the information of a friend it appears that he is deſirous of Some aſsiſtance from this Meeting in Settling a matter Subſiſting between him & the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth respecting which matter he hath an appeal from a Judgment of this Meeting to the Yearly Meeting this Meeting having had Conſideration thereon do in Condeſcention thereto appoint Our friends Joseph Congdon Moſes Farnum David Buffum & Isaac Lawton to Uſe their endeavours in Order to restore him to Unity with Sd. Monthly Meeting & make return to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings preſented them which after being read & approved were Signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 7th of the 4th Mo. 1774 —— The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are ——

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Thomas Gould Junr. & Philip Wanton ——
Dartmouth Barzilla Tucker Prince Allin Wm. Anthony Junr. Thomas Hicks & William Sanford ——
Greenwich Jabez Greene & Isaac Upton ——
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell ——
Smithfield Daniel Southwick Thomas Steere Benjn. Arnold Jabez Wing & Moſes Farnum ——
Swanſey Theophilus Shove Junr.
South Kingstown Nicholas Bragg & Peter Hoxſie
Acoakset Joshua Davel & Ichabod Eddy ——

Receivd accounts with anſwers to the Queries from the Several Monthly Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich inform that they have noticed the request of last Quarterly Meeting respecting raiſing money for repairing Meeting houſes at Greenwich & So: Kingstown and have Subſcribed for £15—3—· for Greenwich —— Swanſey inform that they have Contributed & Sent up by their representitives £1—16—: agreeable to the request of last Quarterly Meeting —— South Kingstown inform that they have raiſed & sent up to this Meeting £1—8—10¾ for repairing Meeting houſes at Greenwich which is sent to them by their repreſentitives ——

The matter respecting dividing the Quarterly Meeting is again refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting, and Swanſey Monthly Meeting is deſired to manifest their Choice respecting Sd diviſion to said Meeting, — and whereas a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting Signified to this Meeting that Sd Monthly Meeting did not agree to dividing the Quarterly Meeting but rather thought it had best remain as it now is, said Monthly Meeting is deſired to send up their reaſons therefor to next Quarterly Meeting

The matter refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting respecting Giles Hoſiers appeal is diſmiſs'd by his deſire

The Monthly Meeting of RhodeIsland inform this Meeting that Giles Hoſier deſired an appeal from a Judgment of Sd Monthly Meeting in the 10th month last which was granted, & we appoint Our friends Thomas Steere George Cumstock Jabez Greene Jonathan Farnum Jonathan Arnold Joseph Mitchell & Philip Tripp a Committee to hear & determine on said appeal & also to inspect a Complaint brought by Sd Hoſier against Sd Monthly Meeting & determine whether ye matters in Sd Complaint be Comprehended in Sd appeal or not —— and if it appears to them that there be any matter Containd in Sd Complaint seperate from Sd appeal then to inspect whether Sd matter be Just Cauſe of Complaint & make report to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

The monthly Meeting of Dartmouth inform that Thomas Smith deſir'd an appeal from a Judgment of Sd Meeting which was granted & we appoint our friends Jonathan Macy Isaac Upton Nicholas Dragg Samuel Tripp & George Arnold a Committee to hear & determine on Sd apeal & make return to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

We appoint our friends Jacob Mott Junr. Moses Farnum David Steere Theophilus Shove Junr. John Holden Wm. Anthony Junr. and David Buffum to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings and likewise to prepare an account to the Yearly Meeting & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

Part of the Committee appointed by last Quarterly Meeting to use their endeavours with David Smith in order to restore him to Unity with the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth made report to this meeting that they had all attended that Service agreeable to appointment & that their endeavours prov'd ineffectual ——

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth in their account inform'd this Meeting that Gideon Howland & Catherine Slocum of their Meeting had made their proposals of taking each other in marriage & that said Meeting was not Unanimous in giving them their answer by reason of their being near of kin & referd sd. matter to this meetg for our advice & Judgment and this meeting apprehending it not safe to advise or give Judgment in that matter do refer it to the next Yearly Meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket desired the Judgment of this Meeting whether one parent either father or mother being under the Care of friends gives their Children a birthright in the Society as members which this meeting refers to the next Yearly Meeting for their advice ——

The Committee appointed to hear & determine on the appeal of Thomas Smith from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth against him, made the following return ——

We the Quarterly Meetings Committee appointed to hear and Determine upon an appeal from the Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth against Thomas Smith having heard the parties & allegations on both Sides & maturely Considered the same do Confirm the Judgment of the monthly Meeting

Jonathan Macy
Isaac Upton
Nicholas Bragg
Samuel Tripp
George Arnold

said return is accepted by this meeting and David Smith who by deſire of S: Thomas repreſented him in that affair deſired an appeal to the Yearly Meeting which is granted & we appoint our friends George Arnold Barzilla Tucker and Jonathan Macy to repreſent the matter to the Yearly Meeting in behalf of this meeting ——

The Queries were read & anſwers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings & General anſwers form'd therefrom were also read & sent with our account Signed by the Clerk, to the Yearly Meeting by our repreſentitives who are Jacob Mott Junr. Jonathan Macy Barzilla Tucker Moſes Farnum Benjn. Arnold, Stephen Hoxſie Isaac Upton Caleb Earle and Philip Tripp ——

Ten Shillings & twopence of the money Sent up from Swansey Monthly Meeting for repairing Meeting houſes is sent to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and 25s/10d sent to Greenwich monthly meeting ——

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Monthly Meetings, presented them which after being read & approv'd we signed in this Meeting by the Clerk —— ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 9th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their account inform'd this Meeting that Uriah Mowry & Thomas Smith are diſmiſs'd from the place of Elders & that they have appointed George Smith & Eliſha Thornton into that Station of which this meeting approveth, They also inform that Hannah Laphams Publick Testimony is disowned by them, and Isaac Lawton is deſired to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof at their adjournment ——

Thoſe of the Committee appointed to hear & determine on an appeal brought by Giles Hoſier from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island & also on a Complaint brought by S: Hoſier against S: Meeting whoſe names are thereto Subſcribed made return which is accepted by this meetg and is as followeth ——

To the Quarterly Meeting now Sitting ——

We of the Committee appointed to hear & determine on appeal brought up by Giles Hoſier from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island the tenth month last have heard the Allegations on both sides & duly Considerd the Same with the many Circumstances thereunto belonging and do reverſe the Judgment of the abovesd. monthly Meeting also we have inſpected into the Complaint as directed & do think the Subſtance of sd. Complaint is Couched in the appeal ——

Joseph Mitchell
Jonathan Farnum
Thomas Steere
Philip Tripp
George Cumstock

And as it appears that the Substance of Said Complaint is Couched in the appeal therefore sd. Complaint is dismiſsed

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At a Quarterly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island the 7th of the 7th Mo. 1774 The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſtitives are

For	Rhode Island	James Chaſe Abraham Anthony Samſon Shearman & Gould Marſh
	Dartmouth	Thomas Hicks James Davis Barzilla Tucker William Anthony Junr. & John Williams
	Greenwich	John Briggs & Isaac Upton
	Nantucket	Samuel Starbuck & Richard Worth
	Smithfield	Thomas Steere Daniel Caſs Jonathan Arnold Samuel Arnold & William Buffum
	Swanſey	Job Anthony Thomas Earle & Clark Purington
	South Kingstown	Joseph Congdon & Amos Collins
	Acoaksett	Philip Tripp Joshua Davel & Ichabod Eddy

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries except S. Kingstown a member of which inform'd that sd. Meeting had prepared an account & that Joseph Congdon & Amos Collins were appointed their repreſentitives but that sd. accot. was some how mislaid & so was not brought to this Meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield inform that Benjamin Lapham deſired an appeal from a Judgment of Sd. Meeting against him which was granted Sd. Lapham by a few lines to this meeting set forth his inability to attend & deſired that it might be referd to next Quarterly Meeting which is accordinly done

Said Meeting alſo inform that Nathan Cumstock deſired an appeal from a Judgment of Sd. meeting against him Sd. Cumstock by a few lines to this Meeting deſired it might be diſmiſsed and it is accordingly diſmiſs'd —

The Monthly Meeting of Swanſey inform'd that Daniel Baker the 2d. deſired an appeal from a Judgment of Sd. meeting against him which was granted & We appoint our friends Saml. Starbuck Jonathan Arnold Barzilla Tucker Wm. Buffum Robert Wilkinſon Peleg Peckham & Amos Collins a Committee to hear & Determine Sd. matter and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting —

Our friends Joseph Congdon David Buffum Moſes Farnum Caleb Carpenter Thos. Lapham Junr. Jacob Mott Junr. William Anthony Junr. & John Williams are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment —

A Certificate on behalf of our friend Zacharias Dicks from the monthly meeting of New Garden North Carolina 26th of the 3d mo 1774 and one from the Quarterly Meeting held at Cain Creek 14th of the 5th mo 1774 Concurring therewith — And also a Certificate on behalf of Our friend John Carter from the monthly Meeting at Cain Creek in North Carolina 4th. of the 6th. mo 1774 Signifying their Concern to pay us a Religious viſit in theſe parts, were read in this meeting to Satisfaction

A Certificate of recommendation on behalf of our friend Morriſs Birkbeck from a monthly meeting held at Settle in the County of York in Old England 5th of the 5th mo 1773 Signifying his intention of making a voyage to & tour upon our Continent was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction —

The Queries were read in this Meeting & the anſwers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings except South Kingstown

The Committee appointed to hear & determine on an appeal from a Judgment of the monthly Meeting of Swanſey against Daniel Baker the 2d made return which is accepted by this meeting & is as followeth

We the Subſcribers being appointed a Committee to hear & Determine an appeal brought from Swanſey Monthly Meeting by Daniel Baker the 2nd of a Judgment made up by Sd. monthly Meeting against him we having heard the allegations of the parties and duly examined the papers do Confirm the Judgment of Sd. monthly meetg

Signed by us 8th of ye 7th mo. 1774

Jonathan Arnold
Amos Collins

Peleg Peckham
Saml. Starbuck
Barzilla Tucker
Wm. Buffum
Robert Wilkinſon

The monthly Meeting of Smithfield deſire the advice of this Meeting respecting rebuilding or repairing their Meeting houſe where they hold their Monthly Meetings and We appoint our friends Philip Tripp Thos. Hicks Ephraim Congdon John Collins Wm. Anthony & Job Anthony a Committee to inspect the Condition of Sd. houſe & make return to next Quarterly Meeting what they Judge best to be done respecting it

The Monthly Meeting of Acoakset sent up to this Meeting £1:16:2 for repairing South Kingstown & Greenwich Meeting houſes which is sent to Sd. Meetings by their repreſentitives 25/2 to Greenwich & 11/ to S. Kingstown

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich inform this meeting that they are at great expence with two ancient friends belonging to that meeting & would kindly accept of some aſsistance it is therefore recommended to the Several Monthly Meetings in Order that they in their freedom may Contribute to their aſsistance & send Sd. Contributions up to next Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 4th hour this afternoon.
This Meeting met by adjournment

Receiv'd from the Yearly Meeting of Rhode Island by the hands of Benj:n Arnold & Moses Brown 700 printed Epistles of the Year 1773 - 500 of which were divided & Sent to the Several monthly Meetings together with transcripts of the written ones from London Philadelphia and Rhode Island

The last Yearly Meeting in their Epistle requested of this Meeting 30 dollars to be raised for the yearly Meetings stock which is proportion'd to the Several monthly meetgs in the following manner Rhode Island 15 dollars Dartmouth 3 dollars Smithfield 3 dollars Nantucket 3 dollars Greenwich 1½ dollars S: Kingstown 1½ Swansey 1½ Acoakset 1½ dollars & they are requested to Send their Several proportions up to next Quarterly Meeting

The matter respecting dividing the Quarterly Meeting is again refer'd to the next Quarterly Meeting

This meeting is adjourn'd to the 7th hour tomorrow morning
This Meeting met by adjournment

Certificates on behalf of our Friends Zacharias Dicks John Carter & Morriss Birkbeck directed to the Monthly Meetings to which they belong were Signed in this meeting

The Friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings presented them which after being read & approv'd were Sign'd in this Meeting by the Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 13th of the 10th Mo. 1774 The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their repreſentitives are

Rhode Island Abraham Anthony James Chaſe & Jacob Mott Jur.
Dartmouth Wm. Barker Thos. Hicks Barzilla Tucker & Wm. Anthony Junr.
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell
Smithfield Benjn. Arnold George Cumstock Jonathan Arnold
Jabez Wing & David Buffum
Swanſey Benjamin Buffington & Theophilus Shove Jur.
South Kingstown Thomas Hazard & John Collins
Acoakset Joshua Davel & Philip Tripp

The matter refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting respecting Benjamin Laphams appeal is by his request again refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting

Five of the Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to inſpect the Condition of the meeting houſe at Smithfield where they hold their monthly meetings made return to this meeting that they has inſpected the Circumstances of Sd. houſe adviſed with friends of that meeting & on due Conſideration thought best to build a new houſe of 45 feet in length & 32 feet in bredth with heighth for a Convenient Gallirec, and this meeting approves that such an houſe be there built

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with Anſwers to the Queries which were read in this meeting that from Rhode Island was from Portsmouth preparitive Meeting & that from South Kingstown from S: Kingstown preparitive meeting only

The Several Monthly Meetings sent the sums of money as requested by the last Quarterly Meeting for the Yearly Meetings stock and Caleb Carpenter Treaſurer for the yearly meeting was preſent in this meeting & receiv'd Sd. money

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting sent £1–10—. & Acoakset Monthly meeting 5s/10d for the Support of the poor at Greenwich which was deliverd to Thomas Aldrich for that purpoſe

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth inform'd this meeting that Freeborn Rider hath for some time appeard in publick Testimony of which they approve But as it did not appear that the

Monthly Meeting of Women friends there had been Consulted in that matter it is therefore refer'd back to Sd. meeting, as it is thought by this meeting expedient that men & Women be joyntly agreed in recommending in such Caſes ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield deſire the advice of this Meeting respecting the people of the world setting up publications at their meeting houſes whether it be best to discourage them from that practice or not, and if to discourage them in what manner — & We appoint our friends John Collins Joseph Mitchell Jacob Mott Jur. Thomas Hazard & Ephraim Congdon a Committee to Conſider of Sd. matter & make return of their Senſe & Judgment respecting it to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

We appoint our friends Abraham Anthony David Steere Wm Anthony Jur. Theophilus Shove Jur. Philip Tripp & Moſes Farnum to draw Epiſtles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour to morrow

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The matter respecting dividing the Quarterly Meeting is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The Committee appointed to Conſider of the matter brought from Smithfield respecting people of the world setting up publications at friends Meeting houſes made return which is accepted and is as followeth ——

We the Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to take under Conſideration the matter brought from Smithfield monthly Meeting respecting people of the world setting up publications at friends Meeting houſes It is our Senſe & Judgment that friends Ought not to Countenance the setting up any publications at their meeting houſes, but that the Overſeers or some friends appointed for that Service endeavour to discourage it by informing thoſe perſons who sign or set up such publications that it is disagreeable to friends ——

And the Clerk is desired to Send Copies hereof to the several Monthly Meetings }

John Collins
Ephraim Congdon
Jacob Mott Junr.
Joseph Mitchell
Thomas Hazard

The following Certificates in behalf of our Esteemed friend Mary Leaver were read in this meeting to good Satisfaction (Viz:) one from the monthly Meeting of friends held at Notingham in Old England the 17th of the 6th Mo. 1773 — one from the Quarterly Meeting held at Chesterfield in Old England the 28th of the 6th Mo 1773 Another from the morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 17th of the 7th Mo. 1773 all of them signifying their Unity with & approbation of her Religious visit Upon the Continent of America —

Also a Copy of a minute of the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia held the 6th of the 10th Mo 1774 Signifying their approbation of our friend John Pemberton's accompanying our friend Mary Leaver afores:d on her visit to new England ——

Receiv'd a Number of printed Epistles from the Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia held from the 24th of the 9th Mo. 1774 to the 1st of the 10th Mo. Incluſive one of which was read to good Satisfaction ~~the~~ Others were sent to the Several Monthly Meeting for more General Obſervation —

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings presented them which after being read & approv'd were signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island the 12th of the 1st month 1775 — the Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Repreſentitives are — — —

For
Rhode Island James Chaſe Abraham Barker Jacob Mott Jur. & Thomas Gould Junr: ——
Dartmouth William Moſher Benjn. Howland Wm Anthony Jur: & Gideon Howland — ——
Greenwich Isaac Upton & Cary Spencer — ——
Nantucket none — — ——
Smithfield Benjn. Arnold David Buffum Daniel Anthony & Jonathan Arnold — — —
Swanſey Job Anthony Benjn. Buffington & Philip Chaſe
South Kingstown John Collins & Thomas Hazard ——
Acoakset Joshua Davel & Abner Potter ——

The matter referr'd from last Quarterly Meeting respecting Benjamin Laphams appeal is dismiſs'd as B: Lapham did not appear to proſecute it

Receiv'd accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with anſwers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting

The matter referr'd from last Quarly Meeting respecting dividing the Quarterly Meeting was Conſidered in this Meetg And as it appears that friends are not Unanimous in dividing, It is therefore dismiſs'd, but as there remains a Concern on the minds of some friends for holding said Meeting at sometimes at some other place or places beſides this Island We therefore appoint our friends Jacob Mott Junr: Joseph Congdon Ephraim Congdon Benjn Buffington William Anthony Jur: Moſes Farnum Joſhua Davel John Collins Isaac Lawton Wm Moſher Isaac Upton David Buffum Preſerved Brayton & Abner Potter a Committee to Conſider of & propoſe at what place or places & at what Seaſons of the year would be most Convenient and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting

We appoint our friends Jonathan Arnold Jonathan Farnum Abraham Barker Benjn Howland Job Scott & Caleb Carpenter to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to adjournment

The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to procure the reprinting of Robert Barclays Apology preſented to this Meeting an account of their proceedings therein, notice whereof is sent to the Several Monthly Meetgs in order that they may send up their Subſcriptions and money therefor to next Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to Conſider of & propoſe at what place or places beſides this Island & at what Seasons of the year it would be most Convenient to remove to & hold the Quarterly Meetings proposed to this Meeting that the Quarterly Meeting in the 1st month be held at Newport as Uſual, That in the 4th Mo. at Greenwich, that in the 7th Mo. at Smithfield lower Meeting houſe, and that in the 10th Mo. at Aponeganſet in Dartmouth, and that S: alterations be for one year only that friends in general may have Conſideration thereon in order to Continue or discontinue S: alterations as may appear most Convenient, of which this Meeting approveth hoping a general benefit may thereby enſue & recommend to the Several Monthly Meetings that they endeavour to Unite in an earnest Concern that it may be So, which would be a proper inducement for the Continuance of S: alterations ——

It appearing to this meeting that some of the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter are deficient in proceeding (agreeable to the directions of the yearly Meetg) with thoſe who retain their fellow Creatures in a State of Slavery, and being concerned that the Cauſe of their deficiency may be removed & they encouraged to proceed in that neceſsary work, do appoint our friends Moſes Brown Moſes Farnum Jonathan Farnum Daniel Anthony & Benjn Howland ye 2nd a Committee to inſpect said Cauſe & the preſent Condition of S: Meetings & Uſe their endeavours for their help in that & every other apparent disorder & make return to next Quarterly Meetg

A Certificate on behalf of our friend Mary Leaver directed to the Monthly Meeting to which she belongs was sign'd in this Meeting ——

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly meetings preſented them which after being read & approved was sign'd in this Meeting by the Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 13th of the 4th month 1775 the several monthly meetings thereto belonging being called their repreſentitives are —

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Gould Marsh & David Fish Junr:
Dartmouth William Moſher William Anthony Jr. Barzilla Tucker and William Barker —
Greenwich Ephraim Congdon & Isaac Upton —
Nantucket Jonathan Macy Stephen Macy & Seth Gardner
Smithfield Thos: Stare Thos: Lapham Jr. Wm: Baſset & Job Scott
Swansey Eber Chaſe & Preſerved Brayton —
South Kingstown John Collins Thomas Haſard Peleg Peckham and Stephen Hoxſie —
Acoakset Joshua Davel & Joseph Tripp —

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings which were read in this Meeting —

The Monthly Meeting of Nantucket inform that they have appointed Seth Gardner & Love Swain in the station of Elders of which this meeting approveth & deſire Isaac Lawton to Inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof —

Joseph Mitchell of Nantucket Monthly Meeting inform'd this Meeting that sd. Monthly Meeting have Subscribed for Sixty of Barclay's Apologies & sent the money therefor Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform'd that they have Subſcribed for 160 Acoakſet Monthly Meeting inform that they have Subſcribed & sent the money for five, the rest of the Monthly Meetings who are deſirous to have any of sd: books are directed to make out their Subſcriptions therefor and deliver them to one of the Yearly. Meetgs. Committee before the next Yearly Meeting, The money sent is directed to be deliver'd to one of sd: Committee

The Queries were read & anſwers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings —

We appoint our frds Thomas Lapham Junr: Jacob Mott Junr: David Steere Wm Anthony Junr George Cumstock Isaac Upton and George Arnold to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & an account to the next Yearly Meeting & bring them to the Adjournment of this Meeting

We appoint our frds Abraham Anthony Barzilla Tucker Thomas Steere Ephraim Congdon Job Anthony Jonathan Macy John Collins & Joshua Davel to attend the next Yearly Meeting as Repreſentitives

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting Met by adjournment

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to Inſpect the Cauſe of the deficiency of some of our Monthly meetings in proceeding with thoſe who hold their fellow Creatures in a State of Slavery and to endeavour for their help in that & every other apparent disorder made return to this meeting according to their appointment by which it appears that there are yet some meetings that need further aſsistance We therefore Continue said Committee to uſe their endeavours for the further help of Sd: meetings & make return to our next Quarterly Meeting—

Daniel Anthony by his request is dismiſs'd from the above appointment, and Joſeph Mitchell & Joseph Congdon are added to the others to attend Sd: Service

An information from the monthly Meeting of Dartmouth was read in this Meeting Shewing their approbation of the publick Testimony of Freeborn Rider & recommending her as a member of the Select Meeting of which this meetg approveth & Isaac Lawton is deſired to inform the Select Meeting thereof

The frds appointed to draw epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & an accot to the Yearly Meeting preſented them which after being read & approved were Signed in this meetg by the Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield the 13th of the 7th Month 1775 The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island Philip Wanton Job Sherman Abraham Anthony & Peleg Hedley
Dartmouth Thomas Hicks Samuel Smith Benjamin Howland Caleb Ruſsell William Anthony Junr & Barzilla Tucker
Greenwich Thomas Aldrich Ephraim Congdon Paul Greene & Jabez Greene
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell & Seth Gardner
Smithfield Thomas Steere Daniel Aldrich Benjn Arnold & Eliſha Thornton
Swanſey Benjamin Buffington & Philip Chaſe
South Kingstown Solomon Hoxſie & Nicholas Bragg
Acoakset Joshua Davel Philip Tripp & James Sowle

Four of the Committee Continued at last Quarterly Meeting to uſe their endeavours for the help of thoſe of the monthly meetings who were deficient in proceeding with their members who hold their fellow creatures in a state of Slavery, made return that they had visited sd meetings and that altho one of said meetings were much behind in the work yet they appear'd engaged to proceed according to the advices given & divers have of late been manumitted we therefore diſmiſs sd Committee in hope of the good effects of their Labour

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings which were read in this meeting

The monthly meeting of Smithfield inform that they have appointed Martha Cumstock & Eliſabeth Southwick in the place of Elders of which this meeting approveth & desire Isaac Lawton to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof

Receiv'd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting of Rhode Island which was read & well accepted

The Queries & anſwers thereto from the Several monthly meetings were read in this meeting

We appoint our friends Moſes Farnum Wm Anthony Junr Paul Greene Job Sherman Benjn Buffington Joseph Mitchell Philip Tripp & Nicholas Bragg to draw Epistles to the several monthly meetings and procure transcripts of the Epistles from the last Yearly meeting of Rhode Island London Philadelphia & Flushing which were read in this meeting and bring them to the adjournment of this meeting

This meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow –
This meeting met by adjournment

The Yearly Meeting in their last Epistle to us deſired that we would raiſe Sixty pounds Lawful money and send it to their Treaſurer, which is proportioned to the Several Monthly Meetings as followeth, to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting £31–10–. to Dartmouth £5–10. Nantucket £5–10–. Smithfield £5–10–. Greenwich £3–.–. Swanſey £4–10–. S. Kingstown £2–10–. Acoakset £2–.–. which Sums they are directed to raiſe & Send to sd Treaſurer, aſsoon as may be

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings presented them which after being read and approved were Signed in this meeting by the Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 12th of the 10th month 1775 the Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their Representitives are

For
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Jacob Mott Junr. & John Wood
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker Thomas Hicks Caleb Ruſsell
William Sanford William Moſher & William Anthony Jur.
Greenwich Paul Greene Jabez Greene & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell
Smithfield Daniel Aldrich Thomas Lapham Jur. Caleb
Greene & David Buffum
Swansey Preſerved Brayton Moſes Buffinton & Benjn. Buffinton
S. Kingstown Solomon Hoxſie & John Collins
Acoakset Benjamin Sowle Caleb Tripp & Joshua Davel

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings which were read in this Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in their account to this Meeting desire that the matter respecting raising money for the Yearly Meeting Stock may be reconsidered and a less proportion requested of them, And we appoint Jacob Mott Jun^r. W^m Anthony Jun^r. Thomas Lapham Jun^r. Moses Buffinton Joseph Mitchell Philip Tripp Moses Farnum John Collins & Paul Greene a Committee to reconsider that matter and likewise to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and make return to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed friend Robert Willis from the Monthly Meeting of Plainfield East New Jersey y^e 21st of the 6th month 1775 was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield inform that they have approved of Margaret Smith as a Minister, of which this Meeting also approves, and Isaac Lawton is desired to inform the Select Meeting thereof ——

The Queries & the answers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting ——

This Meeting having under Consideration the difficult state of friends on Rhode Island on account of the present Commotions do appoint our friends Daniel Aldrich Philip Tripp Benjamin Arnold W^m. Anthony Jun^r. Elisha Thornton Moses Brown Joseph Mitchell & Moses Farnum a Committee to visit said friends & endeavour for their Assistance by such means as they in Truth may find Expedient and make return to next Quarterly Meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The friends appointed to reconsider the matter brought from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting respecting their proportion of the money to be raised for the Yearly Meeting Stock made return with this alteration that of the £31–10^s before apportioned to s^d. Meeting they are now to raise £20—. and Dartmouth £2—. Greenwich £1–10^s Nantucket £3—. Smithfield £3—. South-Kingstown £1—. & Acoakset £1—. ——

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed friend Robert Willis directed to the Monthly Meeting of Plainfield East New jersey was signed in this Meeting

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging were read and approv'd in this Meeting & signed by the Clerk ——

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island the 11th of the 1st Mo. 1776: The several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being Called their Repreſentitives are

For
Rhode Island James Chaſe Job Sherman & Philip Wanton
Dartmouth Thomas Hicks Wm. Moſher Barzilla Tucker Saml. Smith Abraham Howland & Wm Barker - ----
Greenwich Paul Greene & Carey Spencer —— Nantucket none
Smithfield Jabez Wing David Steere Benjn. Arnold & Jonathan Arnold
Swansey Moſes Buffinton & Job Anthony ——
South Kingstown John Collins Thos. Hazard John Knowles & Peter Hoxſie —
Acoakset Benjn. Tripp Ichabod Eddy & James Sowle —— ——

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket which were read in this Meeting —

a printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London dated from the 5th to the 10th: of ye 6th Mo 1775 directed to the monthly and Quarterly Meetings — And likewise an epistle from the same Meeting directed to Friends & Brethren in America were read in this Meeting to good Satiſfaction — —

A Certificate on behalf of our well esteemed frd. Thomas Gawthrop from the Monthly Meeting at Kendal in Westmoreland Old England dated the 31st of the 3d Mo 1775 as likewise one from the Quarterly Meeting of sd. Kendal dated the 7th of the 4th Mo 1775 and one from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London by adjournments from the 3d to the 12th of the 6th month 1775 Concurring therewith —
And also one on behalf of our Esteemed friend Aaron Vail from the Monthly Meeting at the Nine partners dated the 17th of the 11th Mo 1775 -
And one on behalf of our Esteemed friend David Sands from the same Meeting as also a Copy of a minute from the Monthly Meeting at Oblong Shewing their Concurrence with our frd. Paul Osborne accompanying our aforesd. friend Thomas Gawthrop were all read in this Meeting to good Satiſfaction ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow ——

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The Queries were read in this Meeting & the anſwers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings excepting Nantucket on which some Suitable remarks were made & Seasonable advices given which it is deſired may be duly Conſidered by the Committee to be appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings, and that they also make such other remarks to Sd. Monthly Meetings as to them may appear Neceſsary ——

The time being now elapsed for which the alteration was made for holding Our Quarterly Meetings, Said matter again came under our Conſideration and we after Conſulting the Womens Meetg thereon Conclude that Sd. Meetings be held the Enſuing year as in the year past ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their accot. inform that they have been at the expence of £294—6—1 in building & repairing their Meeting Houſe where they hold their Monthly Meeting and Signify that they should take kindly the Aſsistance of this Quarterly Meeting in defraying Sd. Charge We therefore recommend it to the Several Monthly Meetings that they in their freedom Contribute thereto and Send it up to next Quarterly Meeting ——

Part of the Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to visit friends on Rhode Island on account of their then difficult Scituation and Uſe their endeavours for their Aſsistance made return that most of them had accordingly so done & had Satisfaction therein

We appoint our friends Jacob Mott Jur. Wm Buffum David Steere George Cumstock Saml Smith Paul Greene Moſes Buffinton James Sowle Peter Hoxsie & Thomas Gould a Committee to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and also Certificates for thoſe travelling friends now with us and bring them to the adjournmt. of this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 9th hour tomorrow morning

This Meeting met according to adjournment ——

This Meeting having information that Saml Thurston Aaron Chaſe & Paul Chaſe Members of our Religious Society are upon the Island of Prudence & likely to partake of the Sufferings in the preſent Calamity and as we hope & trust that they have demeaned themſelves in a peaceable manner agreeable to Our Religious principles We appoint our friends James Chaſe Thomas Gould Jur. John Goddard Paul Osborne & David Sands to visit & aſsist them & their families in getting off of that Island for which purpoſe they have a few lines directed to whomsoever in may Concern which was Signed in & by Order of this Meetg by the Clerk

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Certificates on behalf of Our friends Thomas Gawthrop Aaron Vail David Sands & Paul Osborne directed to the Monthly Meetings to which they Severally belong were Signed in this Meeting ——

Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging were read & approv'd in this Meeting, & Signed by the Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 11th of the 4th month 1776 The Several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging being called their representitives are

For
Rhode Island Philip Wanton & David Fish Jur.
Dartmouth Wm. Anthony Jur. Barzilla Tucker & James Davis
Greenwich Benjn. Congdon Thos. Aldrich Paul Greene & David Cumstock
Nantucket Joseph Mitchell & Jonathan Macy
Smithfield Ezekiel Cumstock Moses Brown & George Arnold
Swansey Moses Buffinton & Benjn. Chase
South Kingston Nicholas Bragg & John Knowles
Accakset Caleb Tripp & Philip Tripp ——

Receiv'd accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries —— The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich Sent to this Meeting for the assistance of Smithfield Monthly Meeting in repairing their Meeting house 13/6 Swansey sent £2-8-9 and Acoakset sent £1-5-. for sd. purpose which was deliverd to Ezekiel Cumstock, The other Monthly Meetings except Dartmouth desired for some reasons to be excused at present from the Contribution, which reasons appearing to be of some weight they are left to their freedom & Dartmouth is still desired to Contribute in their freedom & send it up to next Quarterly Meeting ——

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield desire the advice of this Meeting whether apprentices being bound to friends are to be considered as members of Our Society or not, We appoint our friends Jacob Mott Jur. Moses Brown & John Collins to Examine Some minutes of the Yearly Meeting and book of Discipline to see what rule there may be respecting that matter and make report to the adjournment of this Meeting ——

The Queries & anſwers thereto were read in this Meeting.

We appoint our frds. Jacob Mott Jur. Wm. Anthony Jur. Thomas Lapham Jur. Nicholas Bragg Paul Greene Benjn. Barney Philip Tripp & Moſes Buffinton a Committee to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & an account to the next yearly Meeting & bring them to the adjournment of this meeting ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

The friends appointed to examine some minutes of the Yearly Meeting & book of Discipline to see what rule there might be respecting apprentices bound to friends as such being Conſiderd as members of Our Society, made report that they had proceeded according to sd. appointment & could not find any rules respecting it We therefore adviſe that such be not Conſidered as members until some rule be Established by the Yearly Meeting therefor ——

We appoint Our friends Jacob Mott Jur. Philip Wanton Jabez Greene William Anthony Jur. Barzilla Tucker Jonathan Macy Philip Tripp Benjn. Buffinton and Stephen Horſie to attend the next Yearly Meeting as Repreſentitives ——

An account to the Yearly with general anſwers to the queries and Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings were approved by this Meeting and Signed by the Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield for Rhode-Island the 11th of the 7th month 1776 — accounts were preſented from the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging whoſe repreſentitives are

for
Rhode Island Abraham Anthony John Hadwen & Samſon Sherman
Dartmouth Caleb Ruſsell Thomas Hicks & William Anthony Jur.
Greenwich Benjamin Congdon Jabez Greene & Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket Richard Worth & Silvanus Gardner
Smithfield Daniel Southwick Thomas Steere Jabez Wing & Caleb Greene
Swansey Clark Purrington, Preſerved Brayton, Benjn. Buffinton, & Philip Chaſe
South Kingstown Nicholas Bragg Peter Horſie & Simeon Tucker
Acoakset Abner Potter Joseph Tripp Jr & David Davel

Receiv'd the Epistle from the last Yearly Meeting of Rhode-Island which was read to good Satisfaction, and the liberty therein allowed us of Nominating four friends to repreſent our Quarter in the Meeting for Sufferings was noticed and the Nomination refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting —

And we recommend to Our Several Monthly Meetings in Conſequence of the Order of the Yearly Meeting for raiſing one hundred pounds Lawful money in addition to their Stock that Sd. Meetings liberally Contribute thereto and Send Sd. Contributions up to Next Quarterly Meeting ————

The accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth inform that they have sent the Sum of £7–3–7 L: Money for the Aſsistance of Smithfield Monthly Meeting which is deliver'd to Jabez Wing for that purpoſe

The Anſwers to the Queries from the Several Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting and divers Suitable remarks were made thereon, and Our friends John Hadwen Jonathan Arnold Job Scott Wm. Anthony Junr. Nicholas Bragg David Steere George Cumstock and Jabez Greene are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings and therein notice the Substance of Sd. remarks and other deficiencies which they may discover by peruſing Sd. anſwers, and also to prepare transcripts of the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Rhode Island for Sd. Meetings ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met by adjournment ————

Certificates on behalf of Our Esteemed friends David Ferriſs & John Perry from the Monthly Meeting of Wilmington in the County of New Castle on Delaware dated the 15th of the 5th Mo. 1776 were read in this meeting to good Satisfaction — And also Certificates from this Meeting to Sd. Meeting on behalf of Sd. friends were sign'd in this Meetg.

The Committee appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetgs. preſented them one of which after being read & amended was Ordered to be Signed by the Clerk who is also directed to make Copies thereof & send to each of Sd. Meetings — said Committee also brought transcripts as directed which are Sent to our Monthly Meetings ————

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 10th of the 10th month 1776 ——

accounts were preſented from the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging whoſe repreſentitives are

Rhode Island Abraham Anthony Samſon Sherman
James Chaſe Gould Marsh & Thomas Gould Jur.
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker William Barker & Samuel Smith
Greenwich Paul Greene John Caſey Jabez Greene & Thos. Aldrich
Nantucket
Smithfield Benjamin Arnold David Buffum Jonathan Arnold
and Caleb Greene ——
Swanſey Moſes Buffinton Job Anthony & Theophilus Shove Jur.
South Kingston Thomas Hazard John Collins & Stephen Hoxſie
Acoakset Benjamin Sowle Caleb Tripp & Philip Tripp --

The accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting — The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich sent £5:17 Smithfield £13:11:6 Swanſey £3:7:6 South Kingstown £6:14:9 Acoakset £3:12:1 for the Yearly Meetings Stock which is delivered to the Treaſurer of Sd. Yearly Meeting ——

The Queries & Anſwers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetings except Nantucket were read in this Meeting

Our friends Thomas Gould Jur. Samuel Smith Jabez Greene Daniel Anthony Moſes Buffinton Joseph Congdon & Philip Tripp are appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings & bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met by adjournment ——

Receiv'd an account from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket with Anſwers to the Queries in which they inform that they have sent ten pounds for the Yearly Meeting Stock & that their representitives to this Meeting are Jonathan Macy & Seth Gardner who are present Sd. Money is delivered to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting & their Answers to the Queries were read in this Meeting

The Nomination of some friends to Represent our Quarter in the Meeting for Sufferings referd from last Quarterly Meeting was now entered on & William Rotch Thomas Hicks, Seth Gardner & Paul Greene are Nominated & appointed for that purpose

The monthly Meeting of Smithfield inform that there is a family removed from them & that as yet they cannot find to what Monthly Meeting they Ought to have a Certificate directed and desire Our determination thereon We therefore appoint Our friends Jacob Mott Jur. William Anthony Jur. and Theophilus Shove Jur. & Philip Tripp a Committee to make inspection & determine to what Monthly Meeting Sd. family belongs and also revise & Settle the boundaries between the Monthly Meetings of Swansey Dartmouth Rhode Island & Acoakset if they find they are not fully settled already & make report to next Quarterly Meeting

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders was read in this Meeting, and as Copies thereof are with the members particular of the Select Meetings belonging to this Quarter 'tis recommended that the members of Sd. Meetings take Care that the Monthly Meetings be Served with Sd. Copies in Order that the purpose of Sd. Yearly Meeting be Complied with by each Monthly Meeting

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the Several Monthly Meetings presented them which after being read & approved were Signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

99 At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzey by appointment for Rhode Island the 9th of the 1st month 1777

The Usual place of holding the Quarterly Meeting in this Month as it was appointed is at Newport. But we being inform'd that the general Assembly of that Colony have prohibited all Communication with that Island since the arrival of the British Fleet and Army there;

Our meeting for Sufferings having concluded to hold the Quarterly meeting at this place after appointing a Committee to solicit for Liberty to go on Rhode Island and bring the minutes of last Quarter; which being done to the Council of War and Leave not obtaind — We conclude notwithstanding the want of the Records and the Absence of our Friends on the Island to proceed on the Business that may come before us — Hoping the divine presence may still be vouchsaf'd to support us in this time of Singular Tryal and Difficulty. The several monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are as follows

From Rhode Island none
Dartmouth — Thomas Hicks, Wm Mosher and Wm Anthony Junr
Greenwich — Isaac Upton and Cary Spencer
Nantucket none
Smithfield. Benja Arnold Daniel Aldrich Jona Arnold & Moses Brown
Swansey Clarke Purrington Moses Buffington & Theophilus Shove Junr
South Kingston. Thos Hazard John Collins & John Knowles
Acoaksett. Joshua Devol. Jos Tripp. James Sowle. Abner Potter & Jacob Chace

The Clerk of Quarterly Meeting not being present Thomas Lapham Junr is appointed Clerk for this time

A Testimony from Smithfield Monthly meeting concerning Daniel Southwick Deceas'd was twice read in this meeting, approved of, and order'd to be sent up to our next yearly meeting

The acct from Dartmouth mentions that they have raiſd for the yearly Meeting Stock the sum of Twelve pounds three shillings and six pence Lawful money which they are deſired to pay to the yearly meetgs Treaſurer

The Anſwers to Queries from the Monthly meetings were read and suitable Remarks made upon several Deficiencies therein and our friends Wm Anthony Jur Geo: Comstock. Nicholas Bragg Moſes Farnum Moſes Brown Theophlus shove Jur Philip Tripp Isaa Upton. Joseph Mitchel and Job Scott are appointed to draw Epiſtles to the Monthly Meetings and remark such Deficiencies to said Meetings as may appear neceſsary and bring to the Adjournment of this meeting which is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

10th day met by adjournment
The friends appointed to draw Epiſtles to the Monthly meetings have preſented them which were approv'd of and sign'd by the Clerk

This meeting taking under Conſideration the holding our Quarterly Meetings the enſuing year have agreed that they be helds at the times and places as appointed to be held the year past unleſs urgent Neceſsity require otherwiſe, and if that should be the Caſe this meeting deſires the meeting for Sufferings to appoint the place or places for holding said Meetings and to give timely Notice thereof to the Members

This meetg deſires the meetg for Sufferings to do their Endeavours to procure the minutes of last Quarterly meetg with such other papers as they may think neceſsary from Rhode Island againſt the next Quarter

All Buſineſs that would of Courſe have came before this meetg had the Records been preſent is refer'd to our next Quarterly meetg

At our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 10th of the 4th mo. 1777

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are

From Rhode Island none
Dartmouth Wm. Mosher Thomas Hicks Wm. Anthony Jur.
Caleb Russel and John Williams
Greenwich Isaac Upton Paul Greene John Casey & Thos. Aldrich
Nantucket Wm. Rotch Jona. Macy & Seth Garner
Smithfield Thos. Steere Benja. Arnold Ezekiel Comstock and
Thomas Lapham Jur.
Swanzey Eber Chase Job Anthony & John Chase ye 2nd
South Kingston John Collins John Knowles Stephen Hoxsie
and Andrew Nichols Junr.
Acoakset Joshua Devol Ichabod Eddy David Devol & James Soule

The Clerk of this Meeting not being present Thomas Lapham Jur. is appointed Clerk for this time

Moses Brown who was desired by the Meeting for Sufferings to endeavour to procure such Quarterly meeting Papers from Rhode Island as might be wanted at this Meeting. Reports that he wrote to friends there for the Papers, some time past. but hath Recd. no Answer from them, therefore this meeting desires the Meeting for Sufferings to still endeavour that said Papers be procured at next Quarter

Recd. accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries, Rhode Island excepted

The account from Dartmouth Informs that they have appointed Wm. Mosher. Thomas Hicks, Deborah Hayes or Susanna Smith and Deborah Hicks to the place of Elders and this Meeting approving thereof

Deſires the Clerk to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof

An Epiſtle from London to the yearly meeting in Philadelphia and one from the meeting for Sufferings in Philadelphia were read and well accepted

The Anſwers from the Monthly meetings being read, and several suitable remarks made on the deficiencies therein — Our Friends William Buffum Jabez Greene William Anthony. John Williams, David Steere, Nicholas Bragg, James Sowle, Job Scott & Caleb Carpenter, were appointed to draw Epiſtles to the several Monthly Meetings and prepare an Account to our next yearly meeting with Anſwers to the Queries, and bring to the Adjournment of this meeting which is adjournd to the 12th hour tomorrow

11th day met by Adjournment

The Committee to draw Epiſtles to the Monthly meetings have presented them, which being read and some alterations made were approved of and one signd in this for Rhode Island, and the Clerk is deſired to transcribe the others and sign them and send to Monthly Meetings as soon as opportunity may permit, and Copies thereof are ordered to be preſervd on file — And an account with anſwers to the Queries to our next yearly meeting was read approved of and signd by the Clerk and a Copy thereof orderd to kept on file, and the Repreſentatives therein mentioned are: Thomas Hicks, Paul Greene, Daniel Aldric. Eber Chaſe, Thomas Hazard, Jonathan Macy. Joshua Deval. William Rotch, William Anthony Junr George Smith, John Collins, Theophilus Shove Junr. James Sowle, Daniel Howland Junr and Caleb Carpenter

The desire mentioned in the account from Accaksett Monthly meeting for an Explination of the yearly meetings minute in 1774 respecting Children, is refer'd to our next yearly meeting for Explanation

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield Lower house for Rhode Island the 10th of the 7th mo. 1777

The several monthly meetings being called the Representatives appearing are

For Rhode Island none
Dartmouth. Benjamin Howland, Thomas Hicks, William Anthony Jr and Seth Russel
Greenwich, Paul Greene, Ephraim Congdon and David Comstock
Nantucket, Seth Gardner and Christopher Starbuck
Smithfield Thomas Steere, Daniel Aldrich ~~and~~ Moses Farnume and Augustus Lapham
Swanzey. John Chase the 2nd Moses Buffinton and Clark Purrington
South Kingston John Knowles, Joseph Collins. John Collins and Stephen Hoxsie
Acoaksett. Joshua Deval. Abraham Stafford, Philip Trip Caleb Trip & Abner Potter

The Epistle from our last Yearly meeting with the Epistles therein mentioned were read to good Satisfaction

6) This Meeting recieved from Rhode Island a Copy of the Quarterly Meetings minute in the 10th mo. last, and one of the Committee therein mentioned to revise and settle the Boundaries of Swanzey, Dartmouth. Rhode Island and Acoaksett monthly Meetings

Reports that by Reaſon of the Communication to Rhode Island being obſtructed, they have not fulfill'd their appointment; Therefore said Committee is continued to fulfil the same as soon as may be and report to a future Quarterly Meeting. and Philip Tripp and Thomas Eſtes are added to said Committee

Rec.d accounts from the several Monthly meetings with Anſwers to the Queries Rhode Island excepted

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting deſiring some advice reſpecting Isaac Howland's freeing a Negroe. Thereupon this Meeting deſires the Committee hereafter named to draw Epiſtles to conſider of that matter and report to the adjournment of this Meeting

The Queries and the Anſwers from the monthly meet.g were read and several Remarks made on deficiencies in the Anſwers after which the Meeting appointed Daniel Howland 2.d William Rotch, Moſes Brown, Theophilus Shove Jun.r Stephen Hoxſie, Thomas Eſtes, Augustus Lapham and Paul Greene to draw Epiſtles to the several monthly Meetings, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting which is adjourn.d to 12 hour tomorrow — 11th day met by Adjournment —

The Committee to Conſider of the matter from Dartmouth having made Report and divers Friends having expreſs'd a diſsatiſfaction therewith they conſidering it as containing matter not expreſs'd in the account in writing, and that matter with the State of that Meeting as repreſented by their Anſwers to the Queries being conſider'd this Meeting is of opinion that a suitable Committee to viſit that Monthly meeting may be uſeful: wherefore we appoint our Friends, John Collins, Thomas Hazard, Moſes Farnum

Oziel Wilkinson and Joshua Deval to visit said Meeting said Meeting and advise them in the matters they refer for advice and any other matters that may then in the wisdom of Truth appear best and make report to next Quarterly meeting

The Committee to draw Epistles to the monthly meetings have presented them which being read were approved and Signd by Thomas Lapham Jur Clerk this time and a Copy is orderd to be kept on file

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 9th day of the 10th mo 1777

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are

Rhode Island - none
Dartmouth Joseph Tucker, Samuel Smith, and Thomas Hicks
Greenwich. Paul Greene, Daniel Howland Jur Samuel Tripp and Thomas Aldrich
Nantucket. William Mitchel and Shubael Coffin ye 2nd
Smithfield. Thomas Steere Jabez Wing. Joseph Mitchel, David Farnum and William Basset
Swanzey. Moses Buffinton Thomas Earl, Daniel Baker, Caleb Earl and Azariah Shove
South Kingston. Thomas Wilbor and Peleg Peckham
Acoaksett. Benjamin Sowle, James Chase, Joseph Tripp Jacob Chase and Philip Tripp

Our beloved friends Benjamin Jones and George Dilwyn attended this Meeting with their Certificates the first from the monthly Meeting held at Mount Holly the 6th of 8th mo 1777

The latter from the Monthly Meeting held at Burlington the 14th day of the 8th mo. 1777 which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction and their visit well accepted

Our beloved friend Aaron Lancaster also attended this Meeting and produced Certificates from the Quarterly Meetings of Salem and Sandwich last past directed to the monthly Meeting of the Oblong where he belongs signifying his attending their Meetings to Satisfaction whose visit is likewise well accepted, he coming by way of Flushing Yearly Meeting to Rhode Island and from thence to these parts

Most of the Committee appointed at last Quarter to visit and advise Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Report that they have visited said Meeting, but not fully compleated their appointment Therefore they are continued for that service and to report to next Quarterly Meeting

The account from Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed Adam Harkness to the place of an Elder of which this Meeting approves and desires Thomas Lapham Jur to inform the select Qrly Meeting thereof

The accounts from the several Monthly meetings with Answers to the Queries were read, and several Deficiencies in the Answers, were remark'd by our Friends from a distance & others, after which this Meeting proceeded to appoint our friends — Samuel Smith, Paul Greene, David Farnum, Theophilus Shove Jur David Steere, Shubael Coffin, Daniel Howland Jur and James Chase to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings

And bring to the adjournment of this Meeting which is adjournd to the 12th hour tomorrow

10th day, met by adjournment

Our friend David Sands attended this meeting and his Certificate signd by two Friends of the Nine Partners in behalf of their Monthly Meeting was read to Satisfaction and a few lines was indorsed thereon signifying our Satisfaction with his visit — Alſo Aaron Lancaster had a few Lines indorſed on a Certificate he produced from Rhode Iſland monthly meeting signifying our Unity with his viſit at this Meeting

Alſo Benjamin Jones and George Dilwyn recd a few Lines directed to their several Monthly Meetings expreſsing our Satisfaction with their Company and Labours at this Meeting

The Comittee to draw Epistles to Monthly meetings presentd them one of which being twice read, they were approved of and signd by Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk this time and a Copy orderd to be kept on file

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swanſey by appointment the 8th of the 1st mo 1778

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Repreſentatives are

Rhode Island none

Dartmouth William Moſher William Anthony Junr
Caleb Ruſsel and Gideon Howland

From Greenwich Isaac Upton, Cary Spencer & John Caſey

Nantucket Seth Gardner & David Paddock

Smithfield Moſes Farnum, Joſeph Mitchel, Moſes Brown
and Daniel Aldrich

Swanſey. Job Anthony. Preſerved Brayton & Thos. Earll
South Kingston Thos. Hazard Stephen Hoxſie John Collins and
Joseph Collins
Acoakſett Benjamin Tripp Jacob Chaſe. Elemael Siſson
and James Chaſe

who are all preſent but Caleb Ruſsel and his Abſence was by Indiſpoſition of Body

Recd. accounts from the several Monthly meetings with Anſwers to the Queries. Rhode Island excepted) which were read and several Remarks made on the Defitiences in the Anſwers after which the Meeting proceeded to appoint our friends — William Anthony Junr. Samuel Smith. John Caſey. David Paddock. Moſes Brown. Theophilus Shove Junr. Stephen — Hoxſie. Jacob Chaſe William Mary and Augustus Lapham with such other Friends as have a deſire to attend, a Committee to draw accounts to the several Monthly Meetings, and alſo to conſider of the matter from Acoakſett Monthly meetg reſpecting admitting People that are not members to be preſent at the time when friends lay their Intention of Marriage &c and report to adjournment of this Meeting which Adjournd to the 12th hour tomorrow

9th day met by Adjournment

It appearing that the Committee to viſit and adviſe Dartmouth Monthly Meeting have not viſited said Meeting since last Quarter and that said Meeting still wants aſsiſtance. Therefore said Comttee all but John Collins who by deſire is diſmiſsd with our friends Benjamin Buffinton and David Steere added to them are

Deſired to viſit and give such advice and aſsiſtance as they may find neceſsary. and make report to next Quarter

This Meeting taking under Conſideration the holding our Quarterly Meetings the enſuing year, have agree that they be holden at the times and places as appointed to be held the last year, unleſs urgent neceſsity require otherwiſe, And if that should be the Caſe, this Meeting deſires the meeting for ſufferings to appoint the place or places for holding said Meetings, and to give timely notice thereof to the Members

The friends to conſider of the matter from Acoakſett, made Report, which being read was not to the general satisfaction of this Meeting, Therefore the said matter is referd to the Conſideration of next Quarterly Meeting

The friends appointed to draw accounts to the several Monthly Meetings presented them, one of which being twice read was approved of and sign.d by Thomas Lapham Junr Clerk this time and a Copy thereof ordered to be kept on file

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Eaſt Greenwich for Rhode Island the 9th of the 4th mo. 1778

The several Monthly Meetings being called, the Repreſente appearing are

For Rhode Island none
Dartmouth. Gideon Howland, James Davis, Wm Anthony Junr
and Abiel Gifford
Nantucket Seth Gardner
Greenwich Benja Congdon Paul Greene and John Casey

& Smithfield. Thos. Steere, George Comstock, Jona. Arnol
David Buffum & Moses Brown
Swansey John Chase 2nd William Lawston, Moses Buffinton
and Benjamin Buffinton
South Kingston - Stephen Richmond, John Knowles and
Stephen Hoxsie
Acoaksett - Abner Potter, James Sowle and Benja. Chase

The Committee to visit and advise Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Report which is accepted and is as follows

We being appointed to visit and advise Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, have performed accordingly, and the matter of difficulty which that Meetg gave account of in the 7 month last — Respecting slavery is now settled.

Thomas Hazard of Robert. Moses Farnum
Benja. Buffinton, David Steere Oziel Wilkinson
Joshua Deval

The matter referd to the Consideration of this Meeting Respecting admitting of People not Members to be present at the time of Friends laying their Intentions and receiving their Answers in the Case of Marriage was considered and concluded to be sent to the yearly Meeting for their advice

Recd. accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries. Rhode Island excepted - And the Account from Greenwich Monthly Meetg informing that they have appointed John Casey and Paul Greene to the place of Elders. and Smithfield also inform that they have appointed Abigail Harris to the place of an Elder, which appointments this Meeting approves and desires Thos. Lapham Junr.

To acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof

The Queries with the Anſwers sent from the Monthly Meetings were read and some Remarks made thereon, after which the meeting proceeded to appoint our Friends James Davis, Paul Greene, Seth Gardner, George Comſtock, Moſes Buffinton, John Knowles, Abner Potter, with such others as feel an Engagement on their minds to attend To prepare an account, and make Anſwers to the Queries to send up to the next yearly Meeting and alſo accts to send to the monthly Meetgs and make return to the Adjournment of this meeting ~ which is Adjournd to the 12th hour tomorrow

10th day met by Adjournment

The Repreſentatives being called were all preſent ~

The Committee to draw accounts preſented one for our next yearly Meeting with Anſwers to the Queries which being read is approved of and signd by Thos Lapham Jur Clerk this time and a Copy thereof is directed to be kept on file — The Repreſentatives therein mentioned are Thomas Steere, Wm Anthony Jur, John Caſey, Daniel Howland Jur, Jonathan Macy, Daniel Starbuck, Benja Buffinton, Joſhua Deval, Stephen Hoxsie & Moſes Brown

The Committee alſo preſented Epiſtles to the several monthly Meetings which were approved of and Signd by Thomas Lapham Clerk this time, and a Copy orderd to be kept on file ~

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 9th of the 7th mo. 1778.

The several Monthly Meetings being called the appearing are

For Rhode Island none
Dartmouth Wm Mosher, Seth Russel and Abiel Gifford
Greenwich Benja Congdon, Thomas Aldrich & Joseph Baker
Nantucket, Christopher Starbuck and Seth Gardner
Smithfield Thos Steere, Thos Arnold, Daniel Aldrich Samuel Fowler, Elisha Thornton and Caleb Greene
Swansey Eber Chase, Benja Earl and Stephen Slead
South Kingston Thos Willbor, Andrew Nichols Jur and Benjamin Hoxsie
Accoaksett Joseph Tripp, Thos Estes, Philip Tripp Ephraim Potter and John Macomber 2nd

George Comstock is appointed Clerk to this Meeting until the way opens for Isaac Lawton to attend who lives on Rhode Island or until another be appointed in Room

A general printed Epistle, and one written one from the yearly Meeting in London 1777 to the yearly Meeting for new England. And one from the last general Spring Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania and new Jersey. Also and Epistle from the the last yearly Meeting held for new England directed to the several Quarterly Meetings were all read in this Meeting to satisfaction and we desire the weighty and necessary Counsel therein contained may not be lost by any

The following Report directed to last Quarterly Meeting was read in this Meeting and accepted and directed to be transcribed and sent to the several Monthly Meetgs

To the Quarterly Meeting of Friends next, to be held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island

We the Committee appointed to reviſe and settle the Boundaries between Rhode Island, Swanſey, Dartmouth and Acoaksett Monthly Meetgs having reviewed the same, and find that there is some Inhabitants living between Swanſey and Dartmouth Monthly Meetings that it is not eaſy to determine to what Monthly Meeting they belong; therefore we have concluded that the dividing Line between said Monthly Meetgs run in the following manner (viz) that all thoſe Friends living in Freetown to the Northward of Fall River and Dartmouth belonging to this Quarterly Meeting shall ~~not~~ belong to Swanſey Monthly Meetg

We alſo with the concurrance of Dartmouth and Acoaksett Monthly Meetings make the following Alteration in the Boundaries between said Meetings (viz) begining in the old Line at the N. E. corner bounds of James Sowle's Land from thence a North Line, till it comes to Freetown Line; Neverthel submit it to the Quarterly Meeting

2nd mo. 14th day 1778

Philip Tripp
Thomas Eſtes
William Anthony Junr
Theophilus Shove Junr

Nantucket Monthly Meetg in their account inform that they have appointed Shubael Coffin ye 2nd to the Place of an Elder and this

Meeting approving of the same Thomas Hazard is deſired to acquaint the select Quarterly Meeting thereof

Rec.d accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from the ſeveral Monthly Meetings Rhode Iſland excepted which were read in this Meeting, after which the Meeting appointed our Friends Wm Ruſsel, Christopher Starbuck, Joseph Baker, Elisha Thornton, Job Scott, Samuel Rodman & Philip Tripp to draw Epiſtles to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings and to tranſcribe such Epiſtles and Reports, as are neceſsary to send therewith and make Return to the Adjournment of this Meet.g — which is adjourn.d to the 12th hour tomorrow

10th day met by Adjournment —

The Repreſentatives being called were all preſent

The Friends to draw Epiſtles to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings &c made Return thereof, and the Epiſtle being read, was approved, and signed by the Clerk, a Copy of which is lodg.d on file,

The Clerk is deſired to tranſcribe the written Epiſtle from London, and bring one for each Monthly to next Quarterly Meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth the 8th day of the 10th mo. 1778

The ſeveral Monthly Meetings being called the Repreſentatives ~~being called~~ appearing are

For Rhode Iſland none

Dartmouth, Wm Barker, Caleb Ruſsel and Jos Barker

Greenwich Paul Greene, Daniel Howland Junr & Benja Pearce Jur
Nantucket Shubael Coffin the 2nd and Jethro Mitchel
Smithfield Daniel Cass, Jos. Mosher Joseph Mitchel and
Moses Farnum
Swanzey. Jacob Shearman Moses Buffinton & David Chase
South Kingston, Benja Hoxsie and Stephen Perry
Acoakset Abraham Stafford, John Macomber 2nd Jacob
Chase and James Sowle

Our Friend Aaron Lancaster attended this Meeting and his service therein was weighty and his Counsel and Admonition we desire may be acceptable to all — And his Certificate from Oblong Monthly Meeting dated the 18th of 2nd mo 1778 was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

Nantuckett Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have appointed Peleg Folger, Sarah Gardner, Mary Gardner the 3rd and Louis Barney, to the Place of Elders and this Meeting having the Concurrance of the Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, approve of said Appointment, and Thomas Hazard is desired to inform the select Quarterly Meetg thereof

Recd accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, Rhode Island excepted which were read in this Meeting after which the Meeting appointed our Friends Wm Anthony Junr, Oziel Wilkinson, Job Scott, Philip Tripp, Benja Buffinton Samuel Smith and Theophilus Shove Jur to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetgs and bring to the Adjournment of this Meetg

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour to morrow

9th day met by adjournment
The Representatives being called were all present

The Clerk being desired at last Quarterly meeting to transcribe a sufficient number of Copies of the written Epistle from the yearly Meetg held in London in the 5th mo. ~~last~~ 1777 for each Monthly Meetg to have one, and he having accomplised that service, and presented the Copies they are directed to be sent forward with the Epistles to the several Monthly Meetgs

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings presented them, which after being read and approved of were signd by the Clerk

Our Friend Seth Gardner produced the Copy of a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Nantuckett ye 3d of the 8th mo 1778 expressing a desire our our said Friend hath to travail in Company with our Friend Aaron Lancaster (Perhaps) as far as the Oblong, and a few Lines were written thereon signifying our Unity with his intended visitt and signd by the Clerk

A Certificate on Behalf of our beloved Friend Aaron Lancaster directed to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at the Oblong was signed in this Meeting by a Number of Friends —

We taking into Consideration the state of South Kingston old Meeting house have advised in their Epistle, to repair the same and if they have not freedom or Ablity to be at the whole Expence this Meetg concludes to recommend the same down to the several monthly meetings for their Assistance when the house is repaird and the Case represented to a future meetg.

Signd in and by order of said Meetg By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Swanſey the 7th of ye 1st mo 1779
The several Monthly Meetings being called the Repreſentatives are

Rhode Iſland none
Dartmouth Wm Moſher, Abial Gifford, Samuel Smith and
Wm Anthony Junr
For Greenwich Isaac Upton, Cary Spencer and Benja Pearce
Nantucket none
Smithfield Jabez Wing. Eliſha Thornton Daniel Caſs and
Moſes Brown
Swanſey Robert Slead. John Chaſe ye 2nd. Obadiah Chaſe & Job Anthony
South Kingston. Thos Hazard. Stephen Perry and Peleg Peckham
Acoakset. John Macomber ye 2nd. James Chaſe, & Zephaniah Eddy

Received a general printed Epiſtle from the yearly Meeting at London in the 6th mo last, which was read to the Satisfaction we hope of every one; and to the Comfort and Edification of many

Recd accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, excepte Rhode Iſland and Nantucket, which after being read in this Meetg our Friends, Moſes Brown, Benja Buffinton, Wm Anthony Junr Jonathan Arnold, Philip Tripp, Isaac Upton, George Shove and Peleg Peckham, were appointed to draw Epiſtles to the several Monthly Meetings, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting, which is adjourned to the 12th hour to morrow

8th day met by Adjournment. Repreſentatives all preſent
South Kingston Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they apprehend the minute that determines Childrens Right of Memberſhip in Society, under certain Circumſtances, may Subject the Monthly Meetings to great impoſition which is refered to next Quarter for Conſideration

The Friends appointed to draw Epiſtles to the several Monthly Meetgs preſented them which after being read and approved of were signd by the Clerk

It is concluded to hold the Quarterly Meetg the year enſuing as last year unleſs way should open to hold the same on Rhode-Island — Signd in and by order of said Meeting
By George Comstock Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 8th day of the 4th mo 1779

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Repreſentatives appearing are

Rhode-Island None
Dartmouth. Wm Barker, Wm Mosher, Thos Hicks. Gideon Howd and
Greenwich. Benja Congdon, Thos Aldrich & Eliſha Harris
Nantucket. Shubael Coffin 2nd & Jonathan Macy
Smithfield, Rufus Smith, Job Scott, Caleb Greene, Benja Smith and Jacob Arnold
Swanſey. Theophilus Shove Junr Daniel Baker and Benja Mead
South Kingston. Thomas Wilbor and Peleg Peckham
Acoakset. James Chaſe, Abner Potter & Joſhua Devol

The matter referd from last Quarter reſpecting determining the Right of Children to Memberſhip, again came under Conſideration, And Smithfield Monthly Meeting signifying their deſire for the Education of youth in Schools. and that the Conſideration thereof might be laid before the yearly Meetg

And also that it was the Judgment of that Meeting that a Revisal or Perhaps an Alteration of some of the Queries is necessary — And South Kingston Monthly Meetg informing that several are come from Rhode-Island appearing as Friends without Certificates. and that they want advice in that matter. Whereupon we appoint our Friends. Daniel Anthony, Theophilus Shove Jur, Job Scott, James Chase Jur, John Knowls. Abner Potter, Elisha Harris and Peter Bernard a Committee to consider of said matters and report to the adjournment of this meetg how in their Judgment is best to dispose of each

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informing that Ebenezer Gaskill requested an Appeal from a Judgment of that Meeting. whereupon our Friends Stephen Hoxsie. Isaac Upton, Thomas Hicks, William Moffitt and Daniel Baker, are appointed to hear and inspect into that matter and report their Judgment thereon, to the adjournment of this Meetg

Received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries which were read in this Meeting and several necessary observations made thereon after which the Meeting appointed, our Friends Jos Harris, Paul Greene, Peleg Folger. Peleg Peckham, Rufus Smith. Thos Arnold & Caleb Greene to draw an account with Answers to the Queries to the next yearly Meeting. and Epistles to the several Monthly meetgs and bring to the adjournment of this Meetg —

Adjournd to the 12th hour to morrow

9th day met by Adjournment

The Committee appointed to consider of the matter Respecting the Rights of Children to Membership and of Schooling &c made

Report in writing which after being twice read was accepted and is as follows. and said matters are diſpoſed of accordingly

To the Quarterly Meeting now sitting

We according to appointment have met and conſider'd the following matters. and now report, that it is our unanimous Judgment the best way to diſpoſe of them is as hereafter mention'd

viz That the matter referr'd from last Quarterly Meeting reſpecting Children be diſmiſs'd, without troubling the yearly Meetg therewith, as we conceive carrying it forward would rather tend to cauſe doubtful Diſputations to no good Purpoſe, than to be of any real service —

That the matter reſpecting schools be sent up for the yearly Meeting's conſideration, and that in order to ripen friends minds, the doings of last yearly Meeting at Philadelphia on this subject might be uſefully read in the Quarterly Meetg

Alſo that it may be best to send up the matter reſpecting the Reviſal and Alteration of some of the Queries for said Yearly Meeting's Conſideration

That reſpecting the matter concerning theſe Perſons, removed from Rhode-Island, to South Kingston Monthly Meeting; we have collected but very little — Particular Information; but that it may be best for the Quarterly Meeting to write to the Monthly Meeting at Rhode Island putting them upon sending Certificates to all removed from them, to the several Monthly Meetings, or their

Reaſons for omitting it. Alſo that South Kingston Monthly Meeting if they think beſt, write to said Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting reſpecting the particular caſe refer.d to by them, And that if they deſire any further Aſsiſtance from the Quarterly Meeting, they send up a particular account of the Circumſtances. –

All which we submit to the Quarterly Meetg

Eaſt Greenich the 9th of 4th mo 1779

John Knowls
James Chaſe Junr
Daniel Anthony
Abner Potter

Theophilus Shove Junr
Peter Bernard
Eliſha Harris
Job Scott

The Committee in the Caſe of Ebenezer Gaskill's Appeal from a Judgment of Smithfield Monthly that inform that they have heard the caſe, and it is their ſenſe of the matter, that it will be best to refer making Report to next Quarterly Meetg it is refer.d accordingly under the care of the same Committee they then to report

The friends appointed to draw Epiſtles to the several monthly meetgs and an account to the next yearly meeting preſented them, which after being read and approved of was sign.d by the Clerk. and Copies thereof is ordered to be kept file. And our Friends Thos Steere Thos Aldrich. Moſes Farnum. Thos Hicks, Jonathan Harris Daniel Baker, Joſhua jun Devol & Peleg Peckham are appointed Repreſentatives to attend next yearly Meetg

Sign.d in and by order of said Meeting

By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 8th of the 7th mo. 1779

The several Monthly Meetings be called the Representatives appearing are
Rhode Island none
Dartmouth. Wm Anthony Junr Abial Gifford, Samuel Smith and Joseph Tucker Junr
Greenwich Joseph Mitchel and John Casey
Nantuckett. Peter Barnard and Peleg Coggeshall
Smithfield. Thos Steere, Benja Arnold Jabez Wing Rufus Smith ye youngest and Moses Farnum
Swansey. Preserved Brayton Philip Chase & Benja Buffinton
South Kingston. Simeon Perry Jos Collins. Amos Collins & Peter Hoxsie
Acoaksett. David Irish. Benja Chase. Thos Estes & Joshua Devol

One of the Committee on behalf the whole the others being absent to hear and determine the Case of an Appeal Brought by Ebenezer Gaskill from a Judgment of Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs this Meeting that it is their Opinion it is best to refer the Case to next Quarterly Meetg and the same is referd accordingly, and they then to report

Recd Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetgs in London, Philadelphia and West Bury on Long Island together with an Epistle from our last yearly Meeting held at Smithfield which were read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction and Comfort.

Recd accounts from the several Monthly Rhode Island excepted which were read in this Meeting, after which our friend Thomas Lapham, Wm Buffum, Benja Buffinton, Samuel

Smith. Benja Chase, Amos Collins, Samuel Rodman and Peter Bernard were appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetgs as matter shall open to their Understandings, and transcribe such other Epistles as are necessary to be sent down therewith and bring to the Adjournment of this Meetg: which is adjourn'd to the 12th hour tomorrow

9th day met by Adjournment —

The Representatives being called were all present —

As last yearly Meeting in their Epistle to this Quarterly Meeting recomended an encreasing Care in the Education of our Children and youth, And desired us agreeable thereto to appoint a Comttee of solid Judicious Friends to have the Care of that matter we accordingly appoint our Friends Wm Buffum, Daniel Howland, Moses Brown, Benja Chase, Thos Hazard, Benjamin Buffinton Samuel Smith Joseph Tucker Junr and Pelig Coggeshall a Committee to visit, advise, and encourage the several Monthly Meetings in the best Method of providing Schools for the Education of Children and youth among friends, agreeable to the Intention & directions of the Yearly Meeting, in said Epistle, & and in the Report of the Committee, to that Meeting, ~~together with Transcripts~~ which are ordered to be transcribed, and sent down to each Monthly Meeting, together with transcripts of the doings of our Brethren at their last Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia on this Subject, and said Friends are directed to make Report of their Proceedings and Success to the Quarterly Meetg at or before the 4th mo the ensuing Year

The Friends appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings, presented them which after being read

Were approved of, and sign.d by the Clerk, who is desired to procure and forward to the several Monthly Meetgs. the transcripts mentioned in these Minutes. —

This Meetg indorsed a few lines on the back of a Certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting concurring with their Approbation of Moses Farnums Concern to attend the next Yearly Meetg at Philadelphia, which was sign.d by the Clerk —

Sign.d in & by order of said Meetg
By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 7th of ye 10th mo. 1779 —

The Representatives appearing from the several Monthly Meetings are —

For Rhode Island None

Dartmouth Caleb Russel, Joseph Barker. Wm Mosher
Samuel Smith, Abial Gifford, John Williams

Greenwich. Thos Aldrich, Daniel Howland Junr Oliver Spencer

Nantuckett None

Smithfield Daniel Anthony, Samuel Fowler, Jonathan
Arnold, Rufus Smith, Joseph Mosher

Swansey Moses Buffinton, Clark Purrington, Reuben Chase

South Kingston, Stephen Hoxsie, Thos Wilbor, Joseph Collins

Acoaksett, Philip Tripp, Israel Wood, Eber Davis,

George Comstock who is Clerk of this Meeting being absent by Indisposition, Thos Lapham is appointed to supply his Place this time —

Four of the Committee on the Case of the Appeal brought by Ebenezer Gaskill. Report. which being read. is accepted and is as follows

We the Subscribers being appointed to hear and determine on the Appeal brought by Ebenezer Gaskill, from a Judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield (to the Quarterly Meetg in the 4th mo last) having heard the Case on both sides and deliberately cosider'd the same, Therefore do confirm the Judgment of said Monthly Meeting

Dated Dartmouth the 7th day of the 10th mo. 1779 } Stephen Hoxsie
Wm Mosher
Isaac Upton
Thos Hicks

Ebenezer Gaskill being called in, and after hearing the above minute read; desired an Appeal to the Yearly Meeting. which is granted, & our Friends Wm Anthony Jur Philipp Tripp. Moses Brown, Thos Hicks, and Job Anthony are appointed to represent the same to the next Yearly Meeting, in behalf of this Meeting

Recd accounts from the several Monthly Meetings Nantuckett excepted with Answers to the Queries

Greenwich in their account inform that they have appointed Susanna Aldrich to the Place of an Elder, and Swasey in their account inform that they have appointed Sarah Purrington & Deborah Slead to the place of Elders. and this Meetg appro:ving of said Appointments. desires Thos Lapham to inform the Select Meeting thereof

The meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to morrow

8th day met by Adjournment

The Queries with Anſwers brought up wer read and several Remarks made thereon, which we deſire may prove uſeful =

A minute from the Meeting for Sufferings dated ye 6 of this 10th mo. recommending a Subſcription for the Yearly Meetings Stock, was read and the ſubſtance thereof forwarded in the Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings for Friends Notice and Complyance therewith.

By a Minute from the Meeting for Sufferings of the 13th of the 9th mo.: it appears that the procuring of the Records from Rhode Island hath been conſiderd - and sending for the Yearly Meeting Records was referd to the next Yearly Meeting for their Advice, said Minute deſiring this Meeting to adviſe respecting theirs - Therefore after Conſide=ration thereon this Meetg refers the same to the yearly for their Concluſion -

A draught of a short Epistle to send down to the Monthly Meetgs being presented was read and approved of and signd by the Clerk, and orderd to be forwarded

Our Friend David Sands attended this Meetg and his Certificate of the 22nd of the 5th mo 1778 from the Nine Partners Monthly Meeting was read, and a few Lines were drawn, signifying our Unity with his Labours among us Directed to the Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, and being approved of was signd by the Clerk -

Our Friend Solomon Underhill attended this Meeting and a Minute from the Yearly Meeting held at West.bury 29th 6th mo. 1779 approving his attending our last yearly Meeting was read & a few Lines were drawn, signifying our Unity with his Labours among us, directed to West.bury Monthly, and being approved of was sign'd by the Clerk.

The foregoing minutes were read in and sign'd by order of said Meetg
By - Thomas Lapham Clerk this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport on Rhode-Island the 13th of the 1st mo. 1780 - The several Monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are -

For Rhode-Island Jacob Mott. John Hadwen Gould Marsh.
Dartmouth Samuel Smith, Abial Gifford Wm. Anthony Junr
Gideon Howland
Smithfield Benja & Moses Brown
Swansey John & Wm Lawton
South-Kingston John Knowls. Amos Collins Andrew Nicholson
Acoaksett Benja. Chase. Eber Davis & Abner Potter

Recd accounts from the above mentioned Meetings, except South Kingston, with Answers to the Queries; In that from Dartmouth they inform that they have sent to the yearly Meetgs Treasurer £40 in paper Currency and 30/ in hard Money; Smithfield £91..14 in paper Currency and 3/ in hard Money. Acoaksett £18, 1. 10 in paper Currency & £1. 19. 3 hard Money -

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode-Island inform that at a Monthly Meeting held at Newport the 28th of the 9th mo. 1778 they

Appointed Elizabeth Mott to the Place of an Elder & alſo that at their last Monthly Meeting they approved of Mary Lawton in the Place of an Elder of which this Meetg alſo approveth; & Isaac Lawton is deſired to inform the select Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read in this Meeting & and Anſwers thereto from Rhode Island, Dartmouth, Smithfiel and Acoakset, which being all that were preſented to this Meeting - We appoint our Friends Jacob Chaſe, Wm Anthony Jur. Daniel Anthony, Moſes Buffinton, Isaac Lawton and Amos Collins, to draw Epiſtles to the several Monthly Meet.gs and bring them to the Adjournment of this Meet.g

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

This Meeting met according to Adjournment -

Although neither the last Yearly Meetings Epiſtle, nor the minutes of last Quarter be preſent yet it appearing by divers friends that at the last Yearly Meeting the matter of enlarging Sandwich Quarter by taking off and adding thereto part of this Quarterly Meeting, was conſiderd, and the Conſideration thereof recommends down in order that friends Judgment may be ripend by the next Yearly Meeting. This Meeting appoints our Friends, Jacob Mott Samuel Smith, Moſes Brown, Thos Hazard and Joſhua Dival, a Committee to meet at Greenwich on 3rd day preceding the Quarterly Meeting next and confer with Committees that may be appointed by Nantuckett and Dartmouth Monthly Meetings

For this purpose, and Report the sense of those Meetings, and their Prospect to this Meeting for their Information and Consideration in the 4th mo. and Nantuckett and Dartmouth Monthly Meetings are desired to appoint Committees to meet this Committee at time and place aforesaid for this purpose, and any other Monthly Meeting who may incline to unite by their Committees in Conferance upon this subject are at Liberty to do it, and the Clerk is desired to send Copies of this minute to each monthly meetg for their Information and Government

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings presented them, which being approved were sign.d in this Meeting by the Clerk

It is agreed in this Meeting that our next Quarterly Meeting be held at East Greenwich and the following at Smithfield as heretofore

As the minutes of last Quarterly Meeting are not at this all Business that would have come here is refer'd to next Quarterly Meetg

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East. Greenwich the 13th of the 4th mo. 1780

Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings were presented by their Representatives to this Meeting who are

For Rhode Island Robert Dennis & Jacob Mott

Dartmouth. Samuel Smith Wm Mosher. Wm Anthony Jur
and Abial Gifford

Greenwich. Wm Spencer. Cary Spencer & Thos Aldrich

Smithfield. Thos. Meere. Daniel Aldrich. George Comstock
and Samuel Fowler
Nantucket. Jonathan Macy, Shubael Coffin
Swansey. John Earl. John Chase ye 2nd Moses Chase
South Kingston. Thos. Wilbor & John Knowls
Accoaksett. Eber Davis. Jonathan Sowle and Abner Potter

Isaac Lawton having served the Meeting as Clerk a considerable time to good Satisfaction, And now desiring to be dismiss'd therefrom this Meeting thinks best to grant his request— And George Comstock is appointd in his place — and he is desired to receive the Papers belonging to the Quarterly Meeting and give Isaac a receipt for the

The friends appointed at last Quarterly Meetig respecting enlarging Sandwich. make report which being read, is approved of and is as follows

To the Quarterly Meeting

Agreeable to appointment we met the Committees of several Monthly Meetings and collected their sense, particularly of Dartmouth and Nantuckett, which is that Sandwich Quarter needs help; the former of these are doubtful of their usefulness if annexed, the latter appear to be passive in that matter, but both submits the Determination to the Quarterly Meeting — Our Prospect is that it is a difficult time considering the State of Society, to make the necessary Alterations Nevertheless if Sandwich Quarter and Nantuckett Monthly Meeting are disposed to be cordially united we see Nothing to

Hinder. Unleſs a more enlarged Proſpect of erecting another Quarterly Meeting might render another propoſal more proper, which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting

Samuel Smith
East Greenwich 11th of 4th mo. 1780 Joſhua Deval
Thos Hazard
Jacob Mott
Moſes Brown

And a Copy of the same is directed to be sent up to the yearly meety in our account

Moſt of the Friends appointed in the 7th mo. last for the encouraging of Schools in the several Monthly Meetings make Report to this Meeting, and therewith exhibited a set of Rules, for the good and proper Behaviour of youth in School all which being read after a small Alteration were directed to be Recorded— as follows

To the Quarterly Meeting

The School Committee Report that they or seven of them met Committees from all the Monthly Meetings, except Rhode-Island, agreeable to a written Request to them for such an Appointment, and confer'd with them upon the state of Schooling in each Monthly Meeting, and found our Diſcipline in this important Branch very much neglected, but there appeared a Diſpoſition in each Monthly Meeting, to reform in our practice and get as fast as may be into the Education of Children and youth, in Schools wholly under the Tuition of Friends, and the Government of the several Monthly Meetings by Committees to

Be appointed for that purpoſe, and accordingly the Quarterly Meetings Committee gave forth Advice in the 10th mo. last

That friends do not after their preſent Contracts expire send their Children to Schools kept by Inſtructors not of our Society, or not under the Regulation of Friends, without the Advisement of the School Committee of their reſpective Monthly Meetings — And there appearing so Unanimous a Diſpoſition to promote Schooling in a virtuous manner agreeable to our Profeſsion, and the said general Com̃ittee of Conference thinking a set of Rules and Regulations for all the Schools would be neceſsary and useful, the Quarterly Meetings Committee at an other Meeting compiled and drew up a set and forwarded them to the several Monthly Meetings Rhode Island excepted a Copy of which we herewith preſent.

We have to obſerve to the Meeting the greateſt Difficulty that seems to attend Friends at this time reſpecting the eſtabliſhing proper Schools in the several Meetings, is the great Defect of Education in times paſt, whereby perſons suitably qualified for School Maſters are not eaſily if at all to be had. If therefore the Quarterly Meeting could promote by themſelves or througout the Yearly Meeting a School where boarding Schollars might be recived and taught in such manner as to qualify our youth of the Riſing generation to teach Schools; We think it would be an acceptable service for the promotion of Righteouſneſs. and conſiſtant with our Chriſtian Teſtimony, and Diſcipline of the Church

We have only to add that our Labours in this Buſineſs have been attended with a good Degree of Satisfaction All which we submit to the Meeting

Thos Hazard   Moſes Brown
D. Howland   Benja Chace
Saml Smith   Wm Buffum

East Greenwich 11th 4 mo. 1780 —

Rules for the Regulation of Schools recommended by the Quarterly Meetings Committee met at Providence the 8th of the 11th mo. 1779

To the several Monthly Meetings thereto belonging

First. That the Schollars carefully obſerve to be at School at the appointed times, that none preſume to abſent themſelves without leave of the perſon under whoſe care they are; and that manifeſted to the Maſter

2 That they be always silent at their Studies so that their voices be not heard, unleſs, when saying their Leſsons, or speaking to their Maſter, to hold no diſcourſe with their School Fellows during the time of study, unleſs to ask something relating to their learning and then in a low voice, and to avoid staring about, moving from place to place, and too frequent going out —

3rd That strict Obedience shall be paid to the Monitors in discharge of their office; and that none shall take the Liberty to enter into any diſpute with them, but thoſe who may, (after deliberate Consideration) think themſelves agrieved, shall make their complaints to the Maſter, and if he doth not redreſs them, or if they have any

Cauſe of complaint against the Master, they may lay the same before one or more of the School Committee, who should take Notice thereof. at their next Meeting to reconcile and redreſs the same

4th That in going to and from School, every one shall behave with decency and sobriety, without giving the least cauſe of Offence to any

5 That in all their Converſation, whether in or out of School they shall use the plain scripture Language of the singular Number to one perſon; and be careful to place the words thou and thee, in their proper places, and to call the days of the week and Months of the Year, by their Numerical order and each other by their proper Names, according to the practice of the Apoſtles, avoiding all nick Names and terms of Reproach and every other rude or uncivil Expreſsion --

6 That in their hours of Leisure, they shall obſerve modesty and sobriety, uſing such Exerciſe of Body only, as may preſerve their minds in sweetneſs to each other, that Friendſhip and harmony may dwell amongst them, and they thereby learn to love and prefer each others Company in preferance to any rude wicked Children, whom they are strictly enjoined not to aſsociate with --

7. Never tell a lie, or uſe artful Evaſions, nor defraud any perſon by word or deeds. Swear not at all, nor use the name of God irreverently or in vain, mock not the aged, the lame, deformed or inſane throw no sticks, stones, dirt, snow balls, or any other thing at any perſon, nor wantonly or unneceſsarily at any Creature, revile no

Person nor utter any indecent Expressions, never return an injury or Affront, but forgive, agreeable to the positive Injunction given us in the Lords Prayer, to forgive, as we desire to be forgiven, and the Apostles Advice, That we forgive one another, even as God for Christs sake has forgiven us: but in all things, to the best of their power behave in a modest, civil manner to all

8 Where schools are held at, or so near Meeting houses that the shollars may conveniently attend midweeke meetings, they go to school in the morning prepard to attend them with decency and sobriety

9 And inasmuch as the best rules, avail not, unless they are put in practice, frequent enquiry should be made by the master, whether they are punctually observed in his absence, and when any neglect appears, it should not pass without notice and Reproof or Correction if necessary and where any Complaints or Differencies arise: the ground and justice of such complaint or differencies should be enquired into, where the master should take opportunity, to recommend and inculcate the great Duty of doing to each other, what they would have done to them; and when any Schollars make Complaint of a School mate, neither those complained of, nor any other should be permitted to reproach the Complainants for their care to preserve good order, but care should be used to check such as take pleasure in tattling and Tale-bearing, both in and out of school and the master is desired to be at the School house, sometime before the School hours as often as he conveniently can, that therby the Schollars may be preserved from Irregularity; and good order encouraged that so it may become habitual &c.

10 That, he strictly enjoin the Schollars to apply themſelves diligently to their several Studies, and Application to their Books, that their proficiency may be an Ornament, which alone can be aquired by diligence; let the Schollars know they must be careful to attends Meetings, on firſt days, as well as other Meeting days, unleſs sickneſs or unavoidable neceſsity prevents and if any fail in this Duty, let inquiry be immediately made for the Cauſe, and every neceſsary method be uſed to to detect and discountenance every inclination to screen & hide their Misconduct in this or any other Inſtance, by that mean and scandalous practice of quibbling, equivocating or lying: vices, which they should know as detestable in the sight of Almighty God and good men, and more worthy Correction, than any neglect of their Books, while candour, openneſs, and Integrity are praiſe worthy, and should be encouraged that they may be truly virtuous -- And above all let frequent Opportunity be taken, and every occasion enjoined to inculcate on their tender minds, the neceſsity and advantage to themſelves both present and future, of strictly obſerving every social, moral and Chriſtian duty, and let any breach thereof be more fervently reproved, than any other neglect And altho' the scriptures of Truth, are the principal books to be read in the school, being, as saith the Apostle "able to make unto Salvation, thro' faith which is in Chriſt Jeſus and are profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Inſtruction in Righteouſneſs that the man of God may be perfect throughly furniſhed unto all good works, 2nd Tim: Chapter 3rd ver. 15. 16. 17

Nevertheless, ~~there~~ there are other books which may be usefully read, the Master occasionally direct such parts of Wm Penn's No Cross, no Crown, and Reflections and Maxims, Robert Barclay's Apology, Catechism and Piety promoted; with such other Books, Epistles and Letters, as the School Committee & he may think best: And as it is necessary that the master have the Government of the Schollars in order to their being well educated, he is to keep up a strict, tho' not passionate Discipline, according to the foregoing Rules, and it is expected that all persons who send their Children will be resign'd to his Government accordingly

Thos Hazard of Robt Saml Smith Benja Chase
Benja Buffinton. Moses Brown. Jos Tucker Jr Wm Buffum

Acoaksett Monthly Meeting inform that friends at little Compton, are desirous to be annexed to that Meeting, ~~and~~ Acoaksett having had Conference with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to which Little Compton Friends have hitherto belonged, and both Monthly Meetings thinking it best, this Meeting approves thereof, and they in future are to belong to Acoaksett —

The account from Nantuckett the 30th of 9th mo 1779 not coming to either of our last Meetings, was this day presented, by which it appears, that they have appointed William Rotch to the Place of an Elder, and this Meeting approving of the same — Isaac Lawton is desired to acquaint the select Quarterly meetg therewith

Accounts from the several Monthly with Answers to the Queries read and some Remarks made thereon, which we hope may be usefull, after which our Friends Moses Brown, Jacob Mott, Daniel Howland Junr Caleb Greene of Rufus, Thos Arnold, Samuel Rodman and Joseph Harris, were appointed to draw an acct to the next yearly Meeting and Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings, as they shall find way to open and to insert such matters as are to transmitted & and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

14th day met by Adjournment

The Representatives being called were all present, and Peleg Coggeshall attended to day as Representative for Nantuckett which Monthly Meeting inform that they have sent for the yearly Meetings stock &c to their Treasurer the sum of 8 L hard Money. Swansey inform they have sent 74L. 14s in paper Currency and 5/9 hard Money South Kingston inform they have sent £25. 10. 1 in Paper Currency. Greenwich inform they £45.7 paper

A Testimony of the Monthly Meeting of South Kingston respecting our Esteemed Friend John Collins Decd has been read in this Meeting, the same is directed to be sent up to the Yearly Meeting, this Meeting approving thereof with this Additional Testimony that he notwithstanding his ~~testimony~~ Prospect, that the administration of civil Government in the Present State of the World, does not belong to

Friends, yet he held civil Government to be neceſsary, and that there were an order of Men, whoſe Buſineſs it was to adminiſter the same, We have alſo to mention his Zeal and care, to further the service of Friends, who were traveling for the Promotion of Truth among us, he often accompanying them therein, giving up his time to the ~~the~~ service of the Church ~~of the~~ in a manner worthy of Imitation, and as he lived to the Promotion of Righteouſneſs on Earth, we doubt not of his receiving the Reward preſervd for them who love the Lord Jeſus in sincerity and Truth —

At a Quarterly Meeting Friends held at Smithfield the 13th of the 7th mo 1780

Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings here to belonging were presented by their Representatives who are -
For Rhode Island Samson Shearman and Robert Dennis
Dartmouth. Abial Gifford. Wm Anthony Junr & Caleb Greene
Greenwich Benja Congdon and Thos Aldrich
Nantuckett, Christopher Starbuck & Richard Mitchel Junr
Smithfield Thos Steere, Benja Arnold & Daniel Aldrich
Swansey. Benja Buffinton. John Earl, & John Chase 2nd
South Kingston. Thos Wilbor Amos Collins & George Kinyon
Acoakset Thos Tripp & Zephaniah Eddy -

Swansey Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they having Unity with the publick Appearance of Philip Chase, have united with their Women Friends to recommend him to this Quarterly Meeting as a Ministry, and this Meeting approving of the same do appoint Elisha Thornton to inform the select Meeting thereof

The last yearly Meeting having made some Alteration in some of the Queries, and sent the same to this Meeting, Copies thereof as they now stand, are directed to be sent to the several Monthly Meetings in our Epistle to them

The yearly Meeting having signified they think it proper to raise £100 hard money for the yearly Meeting stock. this Meeting recommends to the Monthly Meetings to contribute thereto in their freedom, and send to the yearly Meetgs Treasurer and send an acct thereof to this Meeting

The Epistle from the last yearly Meeting ~~was~~ held on Rhode Island was read to good satisfaction

The accts from the several Monthly Meetings were read and some suitable Remarks made thereon, after which the Meeting appointed our Friends, Robert Dennis Caleb Greene of Rufus, Benja Howland, Wm Rotch, Thos Arnold, Moses Buffinton, Joseph Collins, Jacob Chase, Christopher Starbuck, Samuel Rodman, Jeazaniah Barrett and Jacob Mott. with such others as have freedom to attend, to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings and bring to the adjournment of this meetg

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

14th day met by Adjournment

The Representatives being called were all present except Wm Anthony Jur who inform'd this Meeting Yesterday. it was most likely he should be otherways engaged on behalf of some Friends under Sufferings

A Transcript of a written Epistle from the yearly Meeting at London in the 5th mo 1779. and one from the yearly Meeting in Philadelphia held from 27th of 9th mo to the 4th of 10th mo 1779 were read to good satisfaction

This Meetg concludes to hold the next Quarterly meetg at Dartmouth

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings presented them which after being read and approv'd of were sign'd by the Clerk and a Copy is directed to be left on file

Sign'd in and on behalf of said Meeting

By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth the 12th day of the 10th mo 1780

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are

For Rhode Island Jacob Mott and Isaac Lawton
Dartmouth Caleb Russel, Elijah Gifford, Thos Hicks & Abial Gifford
Greenwich Daniel Howland Junr Joseph Mitchel and Thos Aldrich
Nantuckett Jonathan Macy. Jethro Mitchel and Daniel Starbuck
Smithfield David Farnum. David Buffum and Thos Lapham
Swansey Stephen Slead, Benjamin Buffinton and Asa Shove
South Kingston Andrew Nichols Junr
Acooksett none

James Sowle, William Mitchel, Ebenezer Pinkham, Samuel Hammond and Solomon Barton attended this Meeting and each produced a Certificate from Nine Partners Monthly meetg dated 22nd of 9th mo 1780 which were read to satisfaction and few Lines indorsed on each by way of Certificate were signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

Stephen Hoeg and Isaac Kelly attended this Meeting and produced Certificates from East Hoosack Monthly meetg dated 11th 8th mo 1780 and a few Lines indorsed on each by way of Certificate were sign in this meetg by the Clerk

Nantuckett in their account inform that they have appointed our Friends Jethro Mitchel and Hezekiah Starbuck to the Station of Elders and this Meeting approving of the same; Elisha Thornton is desired to inform the select Meeting thereof

Smithfields in their acct inform that they in Unity with their Women Friends do approve of the publick appearance of David Buffum, the same being sent to this Meeting for concurrence, if this Meeting thought fit; we do concur therewith, and Elisha Thornton is desired to inform the select Meeting thereof

The Queries, with Answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings, excepting Acoaksett were read in this Meeting and some useful Remarks made thereon after which the meetg appointed our Friends Wm Rotch, Jacob Mott, John Williams, Joseph Mitchel, Clarke Purrington, Thomas Tripp and Thos Arnold, to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting — which is Adjournd to the 12th hour tomorrow

13th day met by Adjournment

The acct from Acoaksett being through forgetfulness not brought to the Meeting Yesterday was now presented and the Representatives therein named, and now appearing are Joshua Devol, Ephraim Potter and Jacob Chase.

A Testimony from the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield concerning our Decd Friend Moses Farnum late of

Uxbridge who departed this Life the 9th of the 5th mo 1781 being presented and read was approved of, and is directed to be sent to next yearly Meeting for their Approbation —

Rhode Island in their acct inform that they have raised and sent to the yearly Meetings Treasurer . . . £4 „ 5 „ 4

Greenwich inform that they have sent . . . 6 . 11 . 7

Smithfield . . . . 12 . 5 . 10

Swansey . . . . 5 . 12 . 5

Acoakset . . . . 6 „ 3 . 0

This Meeting agrees to hold next Quarterly Meetg at Swansey

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings presented them, which after being read, were approved of, Signd by the Clerk

Signd in and on behalf of said Meeting —

By George Comstock Clk

At our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 11th of the 1st mo 1781

The several Monthly ~~Monthly~~ Meetings being called The Representatives appearing are

For Rhode Island Zaccheus Chase and Jacob Mott — Gould Marsh not appearing by reason of Sickness

Dartmouth Abial Gifford, Wm Anthony Junr, Caleb Greene & John Williams

Nantuckett none

Greenwich Daniel Howland Junr, Jos: Mitchel & Paul Greene

Smithfield

For Smithfield Benja Arnold Augustus Lapham, Thos Arnold
Swansey, Philip Chase, Eber Chase and George Shove
South Kingston Benja Hoxsie, Amos Collins and
Andrew Nichols Junr
Acoaksett Wm Wilbor, Eber Davis and Abner Potter

The Queries with Answers thereto from the theseveral Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting after which the Meeting appointed our Friends Jacob Mott Wm Anthony Junr Jacob Chase, George Shove, Daniel Howland Junr Augustus Lapham, And Amos Collins to draw Epistles to The several Monthly Meetings & and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in their acct inform that they have collected, and sent up to the yearly Meetings Treasury £10..7..3d

The Committee to draw the Epistles, are desired to consider where may be best to hold the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing Year and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

12th day met by Adjournment

A Testimony from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting concerning our decd Friend Elisabeth Gidley with some Remarks of her own Experiences subjoined was read in this Meeting. which, tho' to general Satisfaction, is referd to next Quarterly meetg then to be again read and considerd

The friends to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings, presented them, which after read were approved of

And signed by Elisha Thornton Clerk this time and a Copy is orderd to be kept on file. They also report, they think best to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Smithfield Lower Meeting house, which is appointed to be held there accordingly

Our Friends Joseph Mitchel, Isaac Lawton Joshua Deval and Elisha Thornton are appointed to visit the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging, and advise, encourage and discourage, in any matters relative to said Meetings as truth may direct, to treat with Friends, either collectively or seperately and make Report of their Procedure therein to next Quarterly, Meeting—

Sign'd in and on behalf of said Meeting
By Elisha Thornton Clk. this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 12th of the 4th mo. 1781

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are

For Rhode Island Zaccheus Chase, Samson Shearman & David Greene
Dartmouth Wm. Mosher, Thomas Hicks, Samuel Smith and Thomas Russel
Greenwich Oliver Spencer, John Greene and Thos. Aldrich
Nantuckett Jethro Mitchel and Hezekiah Starbuck
Smithfield Thos. Steere, Benja. Smith & Oziel Wilkinson
Swansey John Chase 2nd Benja. Buffinton & Levi Hunt
South Kingston. John Knowls and Amos Collins
Acoakset. Benja. Tripp and Jacob Chase

Our Friends David Brooks and Seth Coffin his Companion attended this Meeting on a religious viſit. Our Friend (Thomas Scattergood from Pennſylvania accompanying them to Satisfaction) with their Certificates from a Monthly Meeting held at Deep River, Guilford County, North Carolina dated 2nd 10th mo. 1780 which were read to satisfaction — Alſo our Friend John Forman from the Monthly Meeting held at Guyneed in Pennſylvania, attended this Meeting with them, his Company and service is alſo truly acceptable — And the Clerk is deſired to give John and Thomas each a Copy of this minute

The Teſtimony concerning our deceaſed Friend Elisabeth Gidley refer'd from last Quarterly Meeting, together with some Remarks of her own Experiences ſubjoined, were read and cosidered in this Meeting, and being to good satisfaction is directed to be sent to the yearly Meeting

The friends appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to viſit the several Monthly Meetings not having fully accomplished that service, and Eliſha Thornton informing that the Circumſtances of his Affairs at home, with sundry other Engagements in Society, are such, that he having no prospect of attending appointment, deſired to be diſmiſsed therefrom; he is diſmiſsed accordingly. and Moſes Brown is appointed in his Room to join the other friends of that Committee, who are continued to accomplish that service and to make Return to next Quarterly meeting

Received acct with Anſwers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, which were read in this Meeting and after some Remarks which we hope may prove uſeful were made thereon, our Friends Wm Anthony Junr Benja Howland, David Greene, Jonathan Arnold, Daniel Anthony, Wm Buffum Jacob Chace, Amos Collins, Levi Hunt, & Job Scott were appointed to form general Anſwers from thoſe received from the Monthly Meetings, and inſert them in an acct to the yearly Meeting. and alſo to draw Epistles ~~from~~ to the several Monthly Meetings as matter shall open upon their minds, and draw Certificates for our Friends David Brooks and Seth Coffin & bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting, and to conſider where to hold next Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

13th day met by Adjournment

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth by their Repreſentatives preſented three Teſtimonies, one concerning our Friend Adam Mott, one concerning our Friend Paul Ruſsel and the other concerning our Friend Suſanna Gifford all deceaſed, each of which being read in this Meeting are in the general to Satisfaction but as that Meeting deſires the care of this to correct them if neceſsary. Oour Friends Isaac Lawton, Jacob Mott and Samuel Smith are Named to examine them and if they think neceſsary to point out to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, what may appear best, that if that Meeting think proper, they make the Alterations and send up the Teſtimonies to our next Quart

The friends appointed to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings and an account to the next next yearly meeting and Certificates for our before mentioned friends presented them, all which after being read were approved of and signed by the Clerk. they also inform in writing that they think best to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at East Greenwich which is appointed there accordingly.

The Representatives named in our acct to the yearly Meeting are Thomas Steere, Isaac Lawton Thos Hazard, Wm Mosher, John Chase 2nd Paul Greene and Jacob Chase

Signd in and by order of said Meetg
By George Comstock Clerk

At our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich ye 12th of 7th mo 1781

The several Monthly Meetings being called the Representatives appearing are

for Rhode Island, Gould Marsh. John Hadwen and Zaccheus Chase
Dartmouth Wm Baker, Caleb Greene, Abner Deval, Seth Huddlestone & Benja Gifford Junr
Greenwich Benja Congdon, Daniel Howland & Oliver Spencer
Smithfield Benja Arnold, Elisha Thornton, David Farnum & Thos Lapham
Swansey Stephen Slead, George Shove, & John Chase 2nd

South Kingston Simeon Perry & Amos Collins
Acoaksett Ephraim Potter, John Macomber 2nd Nathaniel
Macomber and Philip Tripp

The Epistle from our last yearly Meeting was read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction

Our Friend Benedict Carpenter attended this Meeting on a religious Viſit. and his Certificate from a Monthly Meeting held at Harriſons Purchaſe, in West Cheſter County and Province of New-York dated 12th 10th mo. 1780 signifying their Unity with him as a Miniſter and with his viſit to theſe parts, was read to Satisfaction

Our Friend Thomas Comstock attended this Meeting on a religious and a Copy of a Minute on his Behalf from a Monthly Meeting held at Oblong the 16th & 17th of 5th mo. 1781 signifying their Unity with him, as a Miniſter and with his viſit to theſe parts was read to Satisfaction

Our Friend George Churchman attended this meeting on a religious viſit, and a Certificate on his behalf from a Monthly Meeting at Nottingham in Cecil County Maryland ye 31st of 3rd mo. 1781 signifying their Unity with him as an Elder and with his viſit ~~viſit~~ into theſe parts was read to Satisfaction

Our Friend Warner Mifflin attended this Meeting on a religious viſit and a Certificate on his Behalf from a Monthly Meeting at Duck Creek in Kent County, on on Delaware the 28th & 29th of 4th mo. 1781 signifying their Unity with him as an Elder and with his viſit into theſe parts, was read to Satisfaction

Received accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from the ſeveral Monthly Meetings which were in this Meeting, and ſeveral ſuitable Remarks made thereon which if duly attended to, we may reaſonably hope that ſo many deficiencies will not appear by the next Anſwers as do at this time

Smithfield Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they approve of the publick Teſtimony of Daniel Aldrich and this Meeting concurring therewith, Eliſha Thornton is deſired to acquaint the ſelect thereof

Our Friends, Gould Marſh, Benjª Howland George Shove, Amos Collins, Oziel Wilkinſon Clarke Rodman, Caleb Greene, & John Macomber are appointed to draw Epiſtles to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, and Certificates for the before mentioned Friends on their religious viſit and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting received a Transcript of a written Epiſtle from London Yearly Meeting of the 5 moᵒ last which being read in this Meeting to general Satisfaction, the same is committed to the above named Committee for them to transcribe a ſufficient number for each Monthly Meeting to have one, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

~~The Teſtimonies of the deceaſed Friends referd from last Quarter for further Inſpection~~

13th day met by Adjournment - the Repreſentatives all preſent

The Teſtimonies of the deceaſed Friends refer'd from last Quarter for further Inſpection not being fully prepared they are again refer'd to ~~to~~ our next Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting having appointed a Committee to confer with this Quarterly Meeting upon the ſubject of ſetting off Dartmouth and Acoakſett Monthly Meetings to Sandwich Quarter and it appearing neceſsary to have the Senſe of said Monthly Meetings, in order to enable this Meeting uſefully to confer with said Committee, thereupon Thos Lapham Jacob Mott, John Chaſe 2nd Amos Collins, Elisha Harris and Jonathan Arnold. are appointed to viſit said Monthly Meetings and collect their Senſe reſpecting it, and make Report to next Quarter

The Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter having divers times heretofore and again at this time, signified in their accts that there is great weakneſs and deficiency among them in general and some things in particular, which makes it appear neceſsary that this Meeting appoints a solid Committee to viſit each Monthly Meeting. Notwithstanding there has been a Committee appointed for that service of late, who at this time made Report that they have viſited most of them, & deſiring to be diſmiſs'd are accordingly. And this Meeting feeling a weighty concern for the Revival of our Chriſtian Diſcipline in general as well as in particular matters do, Appoint our Friends Isaac Lawton, Moſes Brown, Joſeph Mitchel, David Buffum, Philip Tripp Daniel Howland Junr and Caleb Greene of Rufus, to viſit each Monthly Meetg and inſpect into the state thereof, as alſo the State of the Preparative Meetings, or Individuals if Occaſion require Labouring in that Ability, which Truth may give for the Promotion of the Cauſe and Teſtimony thereof, and each Monthly Meeting is deſired to unite their Endeavours therein by Committees or otherwiſe as may appear best

An Extract of a minute of the last yearly meetg acquainting that they had sett off Nantuckett Monthly ~~Monthly~~ Meeting, from this to Sandwich Quarter was read in this Meeting

The Friends to draw Epiſtles to the Monthly Meetings and Certificates for the friends on their viſit here preſented them, which after being read and approved of were signd by the Clerk

It is concluded to hold next Quarterly meetg at Dartmouth

The Clerk is deſired to procure of the yearly Meetings Clerk Tranſcripts of the Philadelphia and Long Island Epiſtles and such Extracts of the yearly Meetings minutes as are neceſsary to be sent down, and send Copies of them down to each Monthly Meeting, together with a Tranſcript of our last yearly Meetings Epiſtle, and Report to next Quarterly Meeting

Signd in by order and on behalf said Meeting
By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth the 15th day of the 10th mo. 1781

The Meeting being convened the Repreſentatives appointed for the several Monthly Meetings are from

Rhode-Iſland Robert Dennis, Jacob Mott, David Greene
and Wm Almy
Dartmouth. Elijah Gifford, Stephen Buffinton, John
Deval, and Samuel Smith
Greenwich Benja Congdon & Thos Aldrich
Smithfield Thos Lapham, Daniel Aldrich, Oziel
Wilkinſon, Elihu Bower Jur & Smith Brown
Swanſey. Robert Slead, Daniel Chaſe Jur Stephen Slead
and Edward Shove
South Kingston John Knowls and Andrew Nichols Jur
Acoakset. Israel Wood, Eber Davis, & Benja Tripp
All preſent except Smith Brown

This Meeting is inform'd by a friend that the Clerk could not attend at this time, by reaſon of Indiſpoſition of Body therefore Thomas Arnold is deſired to act as Clerk for this time

This Meeting Recd accounts from all the Monthly Meetgs except Dartmouth (which being not brought by the Repreſentatives of that Meeting they are deſired to bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting) with Anſwers to the Queries, which were read in this Meeting, And some uſeful Remarks made thereon, Whereupon Robert Dennis, Caleb Greene, Job Scott, Edward Shove, Israel Wood, Benja Howland of Daniel and Samuel Smith are appointed to draw an Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings

And

Andd to make out a Sufficient number of Copies thereof for each Monthly Meeting, and bring to the adjournmt of this: And to conſider of the holding the Quarterly Meetg in future, and to make Report where they think best the next Quarterly Meeting be held

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour Tomorrow

12th day met by Adjournment

The Repreſentatives being called were all preſent except the one mentioned to be abſent yesterday

The Teſtimonies concerning our deceaſed Friends Adam Mott, Paul Ruſsel & Suſannah Gifford referd from last Quarter were again read in this Meeting and after deliberate Conſideration were approved, and directed to be sent up to the next Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed ~~at last Quarterly Meetg~~ to collect the Senſe of Dartmouth and Acoaksett monthly Meetings Reſpecting their being added to Sandwich Quarter Reported a Minute from each Monthly Meeting, whereby it appears to be the Senſe of said Meetings, that it will not be best for them to be added to said Quarter as propoſed which Report is accepted — Yet our friend Augustus Lapham, Gou'd Marſh, Benjamin Howland of Daniel, Andrew Nichols Junr Thomas Hicks, Wm Anthony Junr, Philip Fripp & Benjan Buffinton are appointed to Confer with the Yearly Meetings Committee in behalf of this Quarterly Meeting further upon the subject, in order to enable this Meeting to give them the

Necessary information, so far as Respecteth this Meeting, that they may rightly determine what further is best to be done in this matter, and make Report to next Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to visit all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging, to inspect into the State thereof, to labour therein for the Promotion of the Cause and Testimony of Truth — Made report in writing, whereby it appears they have paid diligent Attention to the service for which they were appointed, having visited all the Monthly Meetings, and laboured therein as Truth gave Ability, as well in particular as more general matters, which Report is accepted by this Meeting, to good Satisfaction, and they are dismissed from their Appointment

This Meeting being informed that the Clerk thro. Indisposition of Body, has not fully complied with the desire of last Quarterly Meeting in procuring the Transcripts therein mentioned and forwarding them to the Monthly meetings he together with Elisha Thornton is desired to accomplish the same as soon as may be, and Report to next Quarterly Meeting

The Committee to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings, made Report of a draught, which was approved by this Meeting with some Amendments, and a Copy thereof directed to each Monthly Meeting and signd by the Clerk for this time; and a Copy is directed to be left on file

It is concluded to hold the next Quarterly meeting at Swanzey

The Repreſentatives of Dartmouth Monthly meeting produced their accounts to this Meeting as deſired yesterday

Thomas Arnold Clerk at
this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swanſey the 10th day of the 1st mo 1782.

The several Monthly Meetings being called and their accts preſented the Repreſented the Repreſentatives therein named are as follows

For Rhode Island Joſeph Mitchel, Wm Mory and
David Greene
Dartmouth Stephen Buffinton, Benja Smith Junr
Samuel Smith, Wm Anthony Junr & Barnabas Ruſsel
Greenwich Thomas Aldrich, Eliſha Harris and
Benjamin Howland,
Smithfield David Farnum, George Arnold, Jos
Congdon & Thomas Arnold
Swanſey Daniel Chaſe Junr, Adonijah Upton and
Moſes Buffinton
South Kingston Peter Hoxſie and Andrew Nichols Junr
Acoaksett Lovet Tripp, Wm Wilbor and Benja Tripp

Who being calld were all preſent

A Certificate on behalf of our Friend William Jackson from New Garden Monthly Meeting dated 10th 1st mo. 1781 as also a Copy of a Minute from that Monthly Meeting dated 3rd 2nd mo. 1781 signifying their Unity with him; in his religious visit into these parts was read to good Satisfaction

A Copy of a Minute from the Oblong Monthly meeting on behalf of our friend Isaac Osborn dated 19th 12th mo 1781 who came in Company with Wm Jackson signifying their Unity with him was read to good Satisfaction

The Queries and Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings, were read in this Meeting, and several close and suitable Remarks, made on some of Deficiencies after which the Meeting appointed ~~Jacob Mott~~ Job Scott Daniel Howland Junr. David Greene, Azariah Shove, Benja Gifford Junr. Job Chaloner. Augustus Lapham, Lovet Tripp. Robert Slead. John Lawton. Wm Almy and George Arnold to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings, and make out such other Copies and Transcripts as are necessary to send down therewith and bring to the Adjournment of this meetg

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12 hour to morrow

11th day met by Adjournment — The Representatives all present

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to confer with the yearly Meetings Committee, respecting setting off Dartmouth and Acoaxett Monthly Meetings to Sandwich Quarter reported in writing that they have confer'd therewith, and it appears that there is need of farther Addition to Sandwich Quarter, but considering the present state of these Monthly Meetings it is their Sense and

judgment

Judgement, that the matter needs further Consideration which Report is accepted, and this Meeting being impreſsd with a Senſe of the Importance of that Affair, think best to send down to theſe Monthly Meetings the particular State and Circumſtance of this Caſe, in the Epistle to them, and Oziel Wilkinſon, David Steere, Moſes Buffinton, Paul Greene, Stephen Slead, and Thos Arnold are appointed to attend theſe Monthly Meetings, to sit with them, to yield their Aſsiſtance therein, to receive their reſult and Anſwer, touching this matter, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting —

The Clerk informs this Meeting that himſelf and Eliſha Thornton have not compleated the making out Transcripts as deſired at last Quarter by reaſon of some imperfect Copies being lodged on file, therefore they are deſired to procure exact Copies, transcribe the same and send forward to the Monthly Meetings as opportunity may offer and report to next Quarterly Meeting.

An Epiſtle from the Committee for Sufferings held at New York the 12th of 9th mo. 1781 to the Meeting for Sufferings in New England, and alſo two minutes from said Meeting in New England dated 9th 1st mo. 1782 were read in this Meeting, and as it appears highly neceſsary that friends have general Knowledge of the Contents both for the warning of some, and the exciting a careful watchfulneſs over one another in others, this Meeting directs that Copies thereof be sent to each monthly meetg

South Kingston Monthly Meeting inform that they have appointed John Knowles to the Place of an Elder of which this Meeting approves, with having had the Concurrance of the womens Meeting, and Joseph Congdon is desired to inform the select Meeting thereof

Accahsett Monthly Meeting informing that they with the Unity and Concurrance of their Womens Meeting have appointed Abner Potter to the Place of an Elder, of which this Meeting with the Concurrence of the womens meeting approves; and Joseph Congdon is desired to inform the select Meeting thereof

Transcripts of the Epistle from the yearly meetg for New England in the 6th mo. last are directed to be sent forward from this Meeting to the several Monthly meeting

This Meeting concludes to hold the next Quarterly meetg at East Greenwich

The Committee to draw Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings &c presented them which after being read and approved of were signed by the Clerk

Sign'd in and by order of said Meetg after being read

By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island ye 11th of the 4th mo. 1782

The acct. from the several Monthly Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island, Sampson Shearman, Gould Marsh
and David Greene
Dartmouth James Davis, Caleb Greene, Wm
Mosher, Chilion Wood & Benja Chase
Greenwich Paul Greene, Elisha Harris, Daniel
Howland Junr & Wm Spencer
Smithfield David Wadsworth, Augustus Lapham
Benedict Arnold, & Joseph Comstock
Swanzey Levi Hunt, John Chase 2nd Jos. Shove
South Kingston John Knowls, Andrew Nichols Junr
Thos Hazard & George Kinyon
Acoaksett John Mosher, Jonathan Sowle &
Thos Tripp — all present

The following Report was read to satisfaction

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at East Greenwich

We of the ~~your~~ Committee appointed to visit Dartmouth and Acoaksett Monthly Meetings to endeavour to assist them in removing such Obstacles as might be in the way, and to receive their Sense and Answer in Respect to their being sett off to Sandwich Quarter, have visited said Meetgs. and laboured therein according to ability

Received. And it appears to us to be the sense of said Meetings that there are several Difficulties and Weaknesses not yet sufficiently removed to render them a useful Addition to Sandwich Quarter — Altho Endeavours have been used, & some progress made in order for removing said Difficulties And we think the matter had best be continued still longer but submit the same to the Quarterly Meetg

Dartmouth 22nd of 3rd mo 1782

Patience Brayton Hannah Chase Paul Greene
David Steere Oziel Wilkinson Thomas Arnold
Moses Buffinton Stephen Slead
and the Committee is desired to confer and advise with the Yearly Meetings Comtee appointed for the same service, which appears to be what at present is needful

~~ The Clerk informs that the Extracts he with Elisha Thornton was desired to make out are compleated and brought to this Meeting

Rhode-Island in their acct inform they have appointed Katharine Almy to the place of an Elder and Smithfield, that they have appointed George Comstock. David Farnum and Hannah Read to the Station of Elders, of which this Meetg approves, and Isaac Lawton is desired to inform the Select Meeting thereof

This Meetg appoints Robert Dennis, Caleb Greene of Bedford, Paul Greene, Levi Hunt Oziel Wilkinson, Daniel Howland Junr. Jonathan Soule and Andrew Nichols Jur— to draw an acct to the next Yearly Meetg with Anſwers to the Queries composed from theſe received from the several Monthly Meetgs with an Information to each Monthly Meeting of the Receipt of their acct, And such Counſel, advice and other matters as to them shall seem neceſsary and prepare a Certificate for our Friend William Jackson who attended our last Quarterly Meetg & not then deſiring a Certificate, expecting then to attend this alſo, he hath attended accordingly with his Certificate as mentioned in the minutes of last Quarter and make Return to the Adjournment of this Meetg, which is adjournd to the 11th hour tomorrow

12th day met by Adjournment— the Representatives all present except thoſe of the Committee appointed yesterday for doing the writings, who are not come in;

The Friends appointed presented an acct to the yearly Meetg with Anſwers to the Queries and a few Lines to the several Monthly Meetgs as alſo a Certificate for our Friend Wm Jackson, all which after being read were approved and signed by the Clerk

And the Friends named in the acct as Representatives to
to the yearly Meeting are Isaac Lawton, Wm Mosher, David Steere, David Farnum, Paul Greene, Stephen Hoxsie, Eber Chace and Eber Davis —

Dartmouth in their acct inform that they have sent to the yearly Meetgs Treasurer £3„12„0
East Greenwich have sent . . . . . . 2„1„6
Smithfield . . . . 10„0„0
South Kingston . . . . 1„17„6
Acoaksett . . . . 3„14„9

Signd in and on Behalf of said Meeting

By George Comstock Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 11th of the 7th mo 1782

The several Monthly Meetings being called their accts presented the Representatives therein named are

For Rhode Island Samson Shearman, Robert Dennis and Jonathan Greene
Dartmouth Samuel Smith, Barnabas Mosher Junr Micajah Wilcox and Thomas Russel
Greenwich Daniel Howland, Thos Aldrich & Elisha Harris
Smithfield none nor any acct
Swanzey John Chace 2nd Levi Hunt and Edward Shove
South Kingston John Knowls, Thos Willbor, Robert Knowls of Joseph, John Congdon

Acoaksett Eber Davis, Ebenezer Eddy and Benja Tripp
all present except John Congdon who has sent
satisfactory reasons for his Absence

Our Friend George Dilwyn from Burlington attended this Meetg on a religious visit and a Certificate on his Behalf from thence dated 4th of 3rd mo 1782 was read herein to satisfaction — And our friend Joseph Pearsal his Companion, also attended this Meeting and a Copy of a minute on his Behalf from a Monthly Meeting held at Westbury on Long Island 5th of 6th Month 1782 was read to Satisfaction

Our Friend Joseph Thorn attended this Meetg and a Copy of a Minute on his behalf from a Monthly Meeting held at the Creek in the Western District of Nine-Partners 17th of 5 mo. 1782 was read to Satisfaction

Recd an Epistle from last Yearly Meeting with the Extracts of their minutes as therein mentioned by which it appears that this Meeting is desired to appoint a number of Friends not exceeding four, to join the Meeting for Sufferings already appointed by the yearly Meeting, as Members thereof, Whereupon this Meeting appoint David Buffum, Elisha Thornton and Thomas Lapham to that service and as the Extracts ~~that~~ also inform that the yearly Meetings recommends the Sum of £50 to supply the yearly Meetings Stock, this Meeting recommends ~~to the several Monthly~~ Meetings

To the several Monthly Meetings to contribute therto in their Freedom and send to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer and an acct to this Meeting

East-Greenwich in their acct inform that they have appointed Deſire Langford to the place of an Elder of which this Meeting approves, and the Clerk is desired to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof

Rhode-Island in their acct informing they had Unity with Joseph Mitchel as a Miniſter, but it not appearing thereby that their Womens Meeting had been advised with therein which appears to this Meeting highly neceſsary in Caſes of such Importance to Society, wherefore this Meeting returns that matter in order for their Approbation

A Certificate on behalf of our Friend Sarah Hampton from a Monthly Meeting held at Plainfield in East New-Jersey 18th 4th mo. 1781, now here on a religious viſit, was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

A Certificate on behalf of our Friend Anne Willis, now here as Companion to Sarah Hampton, from a Monthly Meeting held at West-bury 5th of 6th mo. 1782, was read to Satisfaction

It appearing neceſsary that some Friend be appointed to make out the neceſsary Transcripts and Certificates for our Friends on their religious viſit and some needful Draughts to send to the several Monthly Meetings, Caleb Greene, William Almy, Daniel Howland Augustus Lapham, Levi Hunt, Caleb Greene (Bedford) Jacob Chace, Jazaniah Barrot and Samuel Smith are appointed for that service to make return to the Adjournment of this Meetg

This Meetg adjourns to the 12th hour to morrow

12th day met by Adjournment— Representatives all present

The acctt from Smithfield not coming to hand Yesterday was now presented, and the Representatives therein named are Adam Harkness Joseph Comstock, David Mowry & Joseph Mosher all present

Received Accts from the several Monthly Meetgs with Answers to the Queries which have been read in this Meeting, and several close, pertinent and seasonable remarks made on some of the Deficiencies and Transgressions, which if properly attended to we may expect more comfortable Answers at our next meeting together

Received Transcripts of Epistles one from London, one from Philadelphia one from Westbury on Long Island directed to our last yearly Meeting all which were read in this Meeting to satisfaction, and we hope, to some degree of real profit and the Committee appointed Yesterday having transcribed a sufficient Number as well as the Epistle from last yearly Meeting, and the Extracts of their Minutes, they are directed to be sent forward to the several Monthly Meetings

This Meeting being dipt into a weighty Concern for the Welfare of those who have heretofore been held in a State of Slavery among us and feeling a lively Engagement that they may be more effectually encouraged in a religious and

Virtuous Life, the matter is refered to our next Quarterly Meetg for weighty Conſideration in order that Pure wisdom may direct a Method of proceeding in the proſecution of this weighty Concern

Certificates on behalf of our friends George Dilwyn & Joseph Pearſal directed to the Monthly Meetings to which the friends reſpectively belong being presented by the Committee were approved of and signed by the Clerk they alſo presented a few Lines to the Several Monthly Meetings which were alſo signed by the Clerk —

Our Friend William Jackson who attended our two last Quarterly Meetings and had a Certificate from the last of them hath alſo attended this to our Satiſfaction and Comfort, the Clerk is desired to give him a Copy of this Minute, directing the same to the Monthly Meeting at New-Garden in Pennſylvania

This Meeting Adjourns to the usual time in the 10th month then to meet at Dartmouth

Signd in and on behalf of said Meetg

By George Comstock Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth ye 10th of ye 10th mo 1782

The accts from the several Monthly Meetgs being presented the Representatives therein named are
For Rhode Island Jacob Mott, Robert Dennis and William Almy
Dartmouth Benja Taber, Benja Smith 2nd Jonathan Hart & Caleb Greene
Greenwich Thomas Aldrich, Paul Greene, John Langford & Daniel Howland Junr
Smithfield Jonathan Mowry, Elisha Thornton, Elisha Arnold, Thomas Lapham & John Holder
Swansey Jonathan Chace 2nd Moses Buffinton and Joseph Moore
South Kingston John Irish, Amos Collins & Peter Hoxsie
Acoakset William Wilbor, Lovett Tripp and Nathaniel Macomber — all present

Rhode Island in their acct now informing that their Women frds having been advised with respecting approving of Joseph Mitchel as a Minister and that they are united with them therein, And South Kingston inform that they have united with their Womens Monthly Meetg in appointing Mary Wilbor and Sarah Rathbun to the place of Elders and this Meetg with the Concurrance of our Womens Meetg approving of the several appointments, the Clerk is desired to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

Dartmouth Monthly Meetg having presented Testimonies concerning our deceased Friends Samuel Chase and Freeborn Rider which appearing to need some small amendment, they are returned to that Meeting for that Purpose and to be brought to our next Quarterly Meetg

Accakset Monthly Meeting having presented a Testimony concerning our deceased Friend Abigail Tripp which having been twice read in this Meeting to general satisfaction and also having been before the womens Meeting, who inform it was to their satisfaction it is directed to be sent forward to the yearly Meetg

This Meeting appoints Samuel Smith, Jacob Mott, John Holden, Benjamin Howland of Daniel Moses Buffinton, Caleb Green of Bedford, Jarden Tripp & Thomas Arnold to draw a few Lines to the several Monthly Meetings as shall to them appear necessary and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

Dartmouth in their acct inform that they have collected and sent to the yearly Meetings Treasurer

	£ 8	00	0
And Smithfield	6	00	0
East Greenwich	3	3	7
Swanzey	7	12	6
South Kingston	2	12	9

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12 hour tomorrow

11th day met by Adjournment — Representatives all preſe

Swanzey Monthly Meeting in their acc^t inform that they had nominated Moſes Buffinton to the Place of an Elder, which not coming up in the usual manner, this Meeting after some deliberation thereon thinks best to return the matter to that Meeting again for further Conſideration —

The matter respecting the more effectual Encouragement of thoſe who have been heretofore held in a State of Slavery among us, in a religious and virtuous Life, coming again under our Conſideration and it appearing a matter of Importance to Society and that the Cause of Truth is deeply concern'd therein; whereupon we appoint Paul Greene Eliſha Thornton, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Hazard Jacob Mott, John Reynolds and David Buffum to weightily conſider of the subject and report to our next Meeting, their Senſe of what may be done in that matter; and as it respects the Testimony at large it is recommended that they have a Conference with the Yearly Meetings Committee, if way opens

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow

12th day met by Adjournment Representative all preſent

The Meeting for Sufferings having appointed a Committee to examine the Yearly Meetings Records and collect such Concluſions and Advices as have been agreed since the English Diſcipline was adopted in

1760

1760 which they having accompliſhed, and the same having been laid before the Meeting for Sufferings, who directed their Committee to send a copy to each Quarterly Meeting & accordingly one has been presented at this time & William Anthony Jun.^t and Caleb Greene of Bedford are deſired to make out Copies and send one to each Monthly Meeting and the Clerks of the several Monthly Meetings are deſired, with the Aſsistance of the Repreſentatives to inſert or see the same inſerted under proper heads in the books of Diſcipline belonging their several Monthly Meetings reſpectively and make return to next Quarterly Meeting

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings

A Committee of Men and Women friends appointed by last Yearly Meeting for a general Visit to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings attended at this time, and their Labours in this Meeting have been to general satisfaction and we doubt not if well attended to, will prove of real Advantage in future

The Committee appointed for draughting a Salutation to the several Monthly Meetings presented one, which after being twice read and with some Addition was approved of & signed by the Clerk. And Robert Dennis John Williams, Stephen Mead, Jacob Chace, Benjamin Howland (Greenwich) Augustus Lapham, Peter Morse & James Davis are appointed to transcribe a sufficient number for the Monthly Meetings and forward to them

A Certificate on behalf of our Friend Sarah Barney directed to Nantuckett Monthly Meeting was signed in this Meeting by the Clerk

This Meeting Adjourns to the usual time in the 1st mo next then to meet at Swanzey

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting

By George Comstock Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the 9th of the 1st mo 1783

The Accts from the several Monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are

For Rhode Island Joseph Mitchel, David Greene and William Almy
Dartmouth Stephen Buffinton Wm Mosher Caleb Greene, Chilion Wood, Joseph Tucker Junr
Greenwich John Casey, Daniel Howland Jur Paul Greene
Smithfield Benjamin Arnold Benedict Arnold Elisha Thornton, William Baſset and Thomas Arnold
Swanzey Jonathan Chace 2nd Benjamin Mead Zaccheus Hathaway John Earl
South Kingston John Knowls Peter Davis, John Congdon
Accoaksett David Irish Ebenr Davis, Benja Chace and Philip Tripp, — who being called were all present except Benedict Arnold who sent a Satisfactory Reason for his absence

Our Friend Robert Nisbet atteded this Meeting on a Religious visit and his Certificate from a Monthly Meeting held at East Hoosuck 14th of 12th mo. last signifying their Unity with him as a Minister and with his visit into these parts was read to Satisfaction

Rhode Island in their acct. inform that they, with the Concurrance of their Womens Meetg have recommended Isaac Lawton as a Minister and Jacob Mott to the place of an Elder, and Accakset inform that they with the Approbation of their Womens Meetg have recommended Eber Davis to the place of an Elder and this Meetg approving of the several appointments the Clerk is desired to inform the select Quarterly Meetg thereof

The Queries were read with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings after which the Meeting appointed David Greene, Caleb Greene, Caleb Greene (Bedford) Levi Hunt Stephen Mead, Benja Chace, Job Scott to draw a Salutation to each Monthly Meeting as they shall find necessary and bring to the adjournment of this Meetg

Swanzey in their Acct. inform that Ichabod Chace hath appealed from a Judgment of that Monthly Meetg. Whereupon Robert Dennis Daniel Anthony, Thomas Arnold, Samuel Smith, David Irish & Abiel Gifford are appointed to hear and inspect into that matter and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting, what they think best to be done in that Case

This Meeting adjourns to the 7h hour tomorrow
10th day met by adjournment — the Representatives that attended yesterday all present excepting some who are of the Committee for doings the writings who are not come in, and one who sent word he was indiſpoſd in health

The women informd our Meeting yesterday that they approved of Elisabeth Mott as a Minister agreeable to the recommendation of the Monthly Meetg of both Men and Women for Rhod-Island and this Meetg approving of the same, the Clerk is deſired to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof

The Meeting for Sufferings having laid before this Meeting a printed Plan and deſign of the School proposed by the Yearly Meeting to be eſtabliſhed and the same being read, which containing weighty and Seaſonable Counſil and Information, a Senſe whereof seeming to prevail over the Meeting, was to general Satiſfaction and Comfort

This Meeting taking into Conſideration the appointing a Member for the Meeting for Suffering the same is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting — And as Dartmouth Monthly Meeting hath again sent the Testimony of Freeborn Rider with Amendments that is alſo refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting

The Comtee to consider of the more effectual Encouragement of those who have been held in a State of Slavery among us, in a Religious and Vertuous Life, made Report in writing as follows

We your Committee appointed to consider what Measures may be proper to take respecting such as have been held in Slavery among us, in order to Encourage them in a religious and vertuous Life. Report that it appears Necessary that present Inspection be made where any have been held as Slaves in order to See whether Equity has been done towards them in Respect to outward Interest. And if any thing should appear due to any such; that the Debt be discharged, which care being taken we apprehend will tend to open the way to impress the Principles before mentioned in a more useful manner

Benjamin Arnold Paul Greene
8th 1st mo 1783 Thos Hazard Elisha Thornton
Jacob Mott John Reynolds

Which being what Truth and Justice call for is to the Satisfaction of this Meetg And John Reynolds, Elisha Steere, Caleb Greene (Bedford) Sampson Shearman & Amasa Gray are appointed to visit and Assist those who have held them; and those who have been held in sd State. and endeavour in Love and Tenderness to impress their Minds with a Sense of Religious Duty. And Labour for a proper and suitable Adjustment of the matter and Circumstances mentioned in said Report, and the several Monthly Meetgs are requested to appoint some suitable Friends to assist said Comtee in that Service in their Respective Monthly

Meetgs

Meetg. said Comtee to report to our Next Meeting and the Clerk is desired to send Copies ~~to send~~ of this Minute to each Monthly Meeting

The friends concerned inform that the Minutes & Conclusions of the yearly Meeting, which were directed to be inserted in the several Books of Discipline by last Quarterly Meeting is not accomplised; they are desired to compleat the same, and Report to our next Meetg

Smithfield in their Acct. propose to this Meeting whether it might not be best that their Monthly Meetg be divided; Whereupon Thos Aldrich, Levi Hunt, Philip Tripp, Eber Davis, Jonathan Chace 2nd & Samuel Smith are appointed to visit that Monthly Meetg and take the matter into Consideration and Report to our next meetg what in their Sense is best to be done in that matter

The Comtee in the Case of Ichabod Chace's Appeal make Report that they think best that matter be refer'd to our Next Meetg which is refer'd accordingly under the care of the same Comtee, then to Report

The Comtee appointed for doing the writings made a Draught for the several Monthly Meetgs which after being read was approved of and Sign'd by the Clerk

Acoakset inform that they have sent £3.1.1 to the Yearly Meeting stock

This Meeting is adjournd to the usual time in the 4th mo then to meet at East Greenwich

Signed in and on Behalf of sd Meetg
By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 10th of the 4th mo 1783 the Meetg being convened the Representatives named in the Accts from the Monthly Meetings are

From Rhode Island Sampson Shearman, Gould Marsh & David Greene
Dartmouth Saml Smith, Caleb Greene, James Davis & Abial Gifford
Greenwich Daniel Howland Junr Ebenezer Spencer, Samuel Upton & Sylvester Wicks
Smithfield Joseph Condon Wm Buffum, Joseph Bassett and Augustus Lapham
South Kingston Amos Collins, Peter Hoxie, Robert Hazard, & Woodman Wilbour
Swansey Robert Mead, John Chace 2nd Joseph Shove and Benjamin Buffinton
Acoakset Joseph Tripp, benezer Eddy & Eber Davis

who being called are all present except Abial Gifford and Wm Buffum who by Accts are absent by Reason of Infirmities of Body

The Clerk of this Meetg being Absent by Reason of the weak State of his Family. Thomas Arnold is desired to to serve in his stead at this time

The matter of appointing another Member of the Meeting for Sufferings is referd to next Quarterly Meetg by Reason the yearly is so near at hand, as said Meetg may think best to Reappoint the whole

The Comtee appointed to visit those who have been held in Slavery by Friends and those who have held them made Report, that they have made some progress in that service but have not accomplished it. Wherefore that matter is ~~again~~ Referd under their Care to accomplish the same, they to Report to next Quarterly Meeting

This Meeting having Recd accts from all the Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries: Benja Howland, Caleb Greene (Bedford) Robert Stead, William Almy, Peter Hoxsie, Robert Wilkinson, Elisha Steere, Ebenezer Eddy, Saml Smith & Clarke Rodman are appointed to prepare an Essay of an acct with general Answers to the Queries for the yearly Meeting, & also a Salutation to the Monthly Meetings & bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

This Meeting Recd an acct from Swansey Monthly Meeting that they with the Concurrance of the Womens Meeting had appointed Levi Hunt to the place of an Elder of which this Meeting approves & Joseph

Congdon is deſired to inform the Select Meeting thereof, and alſo of the Recommendation of Elisabeth Mott as a Miniſter as the Clerk who was appointed at laſt Quarter for that Service is now Abſent

The friends deſired to see the Minutes and Concluſions of the Yearly Meeting inſerted in the Book of Diſcipline Not having compleated that Service, they are requested to accomplish the same & Report to our next Meetg

This Meetg adjourns to the 12 hour to morrow

11th day met by Adjournment

The Repreſentatives being called are all preſent that were yesterday except thoſe abſent upon a Committee

The Committee appointed to viſit Smithfield Monthly Meetg and conſider of dividing the same made Report that Part of them have viſited said Meeting. but ſome others have not, & therefore give it as there ſenſe that said Matter be Refer'd and the same is refer'd accordingly under the care of said Committee, they to Report to our next Meeting

Four of the Committee, the reſt, being two, Abſent in the Caſe of Ichabod Chace's Appeal from a Judgment of Swanſey Monthly Meeting, made Report that it was their Senſe and Judgment: that the Quarterly Meeting confirm the Judgment of said Monthly Meeting which Report is accepted and said Judgment Confirmed Accordingly

A Certificate from Swanſey Monthly Meetg on Behalf of our Friend Patience Brayton in order to make a Religious Viſit to friends in Great Britain &c

Being laid before this Meeting for Conſideration and Concurrence, Whereupon Elisha Thornton, Isaac Lawton; Amos Collins, Daniel Aldrich, Thomas Hicks Sampſon Shearman, Moſes Brown, Job Scott, Jacob Mott Thomas Hazard & Joſeph Mitchel together with such as may be appointed by the women are appointed to take that matter under serious and weighty Conſideration, and endeavour to discover the pointings of Truth therein, And to make Report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meetg adjourns to the 10th hour to morrow

12th day met by Adjournment: The Repreſentatives being called were all preſent that were preſent yesterday except thoſe Neceſsarily abſent upon a Committee

The Testimony Concerning our Deceaſed friend Freeborn Rider sent up from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting was read in this Meeting, And after some Deliberation thereon refer'd for further Conſideration to our next Quarterly Meeting

The Queries with Anſwers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting, and General Anſwers compoſed therefrom agreed to and sent up to the Yearly Meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Gould Marſh, Benjamin Arnold, John Knowls Samuel Smith, Daniel Anthony Thomas Aldrich, Benja Buffinton & Philip Tripp

The Comtee appointed to prepare an Eſsay of an Account to the yearly Meeting and to the several

Monthly Meetings produced them which after being several times read up in this Meeting were approved of and Signd by the Clerk.

The Comtee appointed to consider of this Meet=ings Concurrence with Patience Braytons Certificate made Report in writing as follows

Whereupon that Matter is referd accordingly under the Care of the same Committee who are appointed to take care of the same and make Report to our next Meeting

Signd in and by order of said Meetg
By Thomas Arnold Clk this time

NB The above mentioned Report respecting Patience Braytons Certificate is not to be found

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 10th of the 7th mo 1783

The accts from the several Monthly Meetings being exhibited the Representatives therein Named are

For Rhode Island, Samson Shearman, James Lawton & Wm Almy
Dartmouth, Wm Mosher, Caleb Greene, Thos Mott & Abiel Gifford
Greenwich Thos Aldrich John Langford Junr John Greene son of John & Sylvester Wicks
Smithfield David Farnum Joseph Comstock Daniel Anthony & Benedict Arnold
Swansey Levi Hunt, Jonathan Chace 2nd Robert Slead and Benjamin Slead
South Kingston John Knowls, Andrew Nichols & Benja Hoxsie
Acoakset Nathl Macomber, Benja Chace, & Ephraim Potter

Who being called are all present except Benja. Chase ~~and Joseph Co~~ who sent a Satisfactory Reason for his Absence and Joseph Comstock who has not sent any Reason

The matter of appointing another Member of the Meeting for Sufferings refer.d from last Quarter is now Dismiss.d as this Meeting is inform.d that the Yearly Meet.g has made the Necessary Addition

The Comtee to visit those Friends who have heretofore held Slaves, and those who have been held in Slavery made Report in writing as follows

To the Quarterly next to be held at Smithfield

We your Comtee to visit those Friends who have held Slaves and those who have been so held, in order to see if Equity has been done to the latter, in Respect to outward Interest &c Report; that most of us have visited all or nearly all those who has held and most of those who have been held as above said, throughout the several Monthly Meetings, having been joined by the Committees from the Monthly Meet.gs and endeavour.d as far as we were enabled to Answer our Appointment.— And found there was not only a Neglect in encouraging Religion and Vertue in those People; but that giving the most Necessary School-Learning hath been Sorrowfully neglected by too many: yet there were some who were tenderly concerned for the Welfare of them, and who had so far discharged themselves toward them as was much to our Satisfaction— and most of those from whom there appear.d any thing due; gave Encouragement of doing Justice

But from some others we had not that Encouragement we could deſire — In general our visits seemed kindly accepted as well by friends, as by thoſe who had been held as Slaves, some of whom appear^{d} sober and well inclin^{d}, to whom a word of Encouragement was given, and Invitation, Caution and Counſel to the others we visited. And tho. the Work was somewhat Laborious and exerciſing, yet we may say we have had a Degree of Peace & Satisfaction, in endeavouring to discharge ourſelves therein, & as a work of this kind must riſe gradually to a Compleation we think the further Care and attention of Friends in it is neceſsary

Sign^{d} on Behalf of said Com^{ttee}

By Samſon Shearman

Providence 9 of 7th m^{o} 1783

Which being twice read is Satisfactory to this Meeting and is accepted yet as it appears neceſsary that further Attention & care be extended in this important matter, in which this Meeting is further encouraged to a perſeverance by reading the Transcripts of the last yearly Meetings Minutes, in which the same is recommended to this Meeting, Whereupon the same Committee is continued and John Chace 2nd & Robert Dennis are added to them and they together are deſired to proceed toward a Compleation of that matter as Truth may open the way, and make Report of their progreſs to our next Meeting, and the Monthly Meet^{gs} are deſired to continue their Aſsistance by suitable Committees appointed for that Purpoſe

The Womens Meeting acquainting this that Acoaksett Monthly Meeting of women Friends in their acct. inform that they have appointed Peace Deavol to the place of an Elder having the Concurrance, Approbation and Unity of their Men's Meeting and that the Women's Quarterly Meetg approve thereof, as doth this Meetg also

Recd. Transcripts of Epistles from the last yearly Meetings in London, Philadelphia and West Bury on Long Island and of the Minutes of the last Yearly Meeting at Newport, together with their Epistle, and James Lawton Sylvester Wicks, David Greene, Caleb Greene Bedford, Jaazaniah Barret, Robert Slead, Daniel Howland Junr Wm Almy, John Earl, Caleb Greene Providence, Thos Robinson Junr & Jonathan Arnold, are appointed to make out a sufficient number of Copies thereof for the Monthly Meetings with a Salutation to each Monthly Meeting as they shall find the way open and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting

Dartmouth in their acct inform that David Smith who some years past was disowned by that Meeting desires a Copy of the Testimony of his Denial and they desire the Advice of this Meeting, Thos Hazard, Thos Lapham Daniel Anthony and Jacob Mott are appointed to take the matter into Consideration and Report to the Adjournment of this Meeting what think best to be done therewith

This Meetg Adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

11th day met by Adjournment

The Repreſentatives being called are preſent the same as yesteday except some on a Comtee who are not come in

The Friends deſired to see the Concluſions of the yearly Meeting inſerted in the Books of Diſcipline not having fully accompliſhed the same, this Meeting concludes to send to the several Monthly Meetings where the Deficiencies are requesting them to ſend an accot of the same being done to our next Meeting

The Comtee appointed to conſider of dividing Smithfield Monthly Meeting Report as follows, — To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Smithfield for Rhode Island

Agreeable to appointment some of us have attended the Monthly Meeting at Smithfield, sitting with them therein and the others of us the several Preparative Meetings belonging thereto, and have had several Conferences with there Committees of both Men & women, on the Subject of Dividing their said Monthly meetg endeavouring according to our States and Capacities, to know the Mind of Truth in that matter; And it is our Senſe and Judgement, that the Northern Preparative Meeting be now divided off and conſtituted a distinct Monthly Meeting of both men and Women Friends by the Name of Uxbridge Monthly Meetg and that the other two Preparative Meetgs remain a Monthly Meeting by themſelves, and be continued under the Notice of the Quarterly for a further Diviſion, when they shall be in a more suitable state therefor; all which is submitted to the Quarterly meetg

by your Comtee
Dated 15th 6th mo 1783

Thos Aldrich
Samuel Smith
Eber Davis

Levi Hunt
Philip Tripp
Jonathan Chace 2nd

Which Report is accepted, and the said Monthly Meeting divided accordingly, And Samson Shearman Wm Anthony Jur. Gould Marsh, Joseph Mitchel, Thos Aldrich & Abner Potter are appointed to attend next Smithfield Monthly Meeting and that of Uxbridge (which this Meetg directs to be held at Uxbridge the next day after Smith=field Monthly, untill next Quarterly Meeting,) and to assist said Meetings in the Division of all matters necessary to be divided between them, and to consider of time and place to hold Uxbridge Meeting in future, and of the further Division of Smithfield Monthly Meeting And also to consider of the manner of holding the Select Meetings in said two Monthly Meetings, and make report to our next Quarterly Meeting, Untill which time the Select Members of both Monthly Meetings are directed to meet together as heretofore; and they are also requested to consider of the manner of holding Smithfd Monthly Meetg

The Comtee continued to have the care of the matter of granting a Certificate to Patience Brayton (whose Concern to pay a Religious Visit to friends in Great Britain was laid before our last Meeting) made Report in writing as follows —— To the Quarterly Meetg now sitting

We your Comtee to consider of the Concern & Certificate of Patience Brayton as laid before the last Quarterly Meetg have met, & had the matter under weighty and serious Consideration, & think the Meeting may proceed to grant her a Certificate, but we submit the matter to the Meetg

Sign on behalf the Comtee
11th 7th mo 1783

Thos Hazard
Abigail Harris

Which Report is accepted, and a Certificate on her Behalf was read in this Meeting approved of signd by the Clerk

The matter of approving the Testimony concerning our Decd friend Freeborn Rider is referd to our next Meeting

The friends appointed upon the Request of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in respect to granting David Smith a Copy of the Testimony of his Denial; inform they have not fully considerd that matter, by Reason the Necessary Information is not here at this time; that matter at the Request of Dartmouth Representatives is Discontinued

Copies of the London, Philadelphia and West-bury on Long Island Yearly Meetings Epistles were read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction; and a Sufficient Number there-of for each Monthly Meeting within this Quarter as also the Transcripts of the Minutes of the last Yearly meeting necessary to be sent down, was presented by the Committee and distributed in order to be carried forward

The Queries with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings were read in this Meeting & sundry usefull Remarks made thereon. Also a few Lines by way of Salutation to the Monthly Meeting were presented by the Comtee approved of and signed by the Clerk

This Meetg Adjourns to the usual time in the 10th mo then to meet at Dartmouth

Signed in by order and on behalf of sd Meetg

By George Comstock Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends began
at Dartmouth the 9th of ye 10th Mo: 1783 The
account from the several Monthly Meetings being presen-
The Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island Sampson Shearman Nathl.
Clarke, Robert Dennis & David Greene.
Dartmouth Caleb Russell Jonathan Wilber
Abiel Gifford, & Caleb Greene,
East Greenwich John Casey Daniel Howland Jun
& Ebenezer Spencer
Smithfield. Benjamin Arnold, Rufus Smith
& Amasa Gray
Swansey. Stephen Mead Edward Shove
& Benjamin Buffington,
South Kingstown None nor any account
Accoaxet - Abner Potter Wm. Wilber
& Israel Wood.
Uxbridge. Israel Sabin Daniel Aldrich
& David Farnum

all the abovenamed being called were present
except Nathl. Clarke.

The Committee continued to revisit those who
have heretofore held Slaves, and those who have
been held in Slavery made report in writing that
they thought best that matter be continued for further
care, and the same is continued under the care of
the same Committee, and they to make return to our
next Meeting.

Nathaniel Clarke now attends this Meet-
ing, and gave a satisfactory reason for his com-
ing so late.

The Committee appointed to assist Smithfield and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings in dividing all all matters necessary to be divided between said Meetings and Several other Services relative to said Meetings. as also to consider of the further division of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, made report that, "they have attended to that Service, and that a Satisfactory division of all matters necessary to be divided between them was agreed on, and That they thought best, Uxbridge Monthly Meeting be held at Uxbridge on the Sixth day after the last fifth day in each month untill next Quarter, and that Smithfield lower Preparative Meeting be now divided off and Constituted a distinct Monthly Meeting of both Men and Women Friends by the name of Providence Monthly Meeting. And also that the select Members in said ~~Monthly~~ Meetings meet together as usual untill further directions from the Quarterly Meeting" but by information from some Friends of them Monthly Meetings there seems to be some appearance of dissatisfaction since the report was agreed on, Whereupon the division of such matters as are necessary to be divided between said two Meetings is refer'd under the care of the same Committee, and they to make return of their proceedings to our next Meeting. And the further Division of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, is agreed to by this Meeting and said Lower Preparative Meeting is accordingly Constituted a distinct Monthly Meeting of both Men and Women Friends by the Name of Providence Monthly Meeting, and said Committee are requested to attend the Monthly Meetings of Smithfield and Providence and to assist them in dividing such matters as are necessary to be divided between them and to consider of time and place for holding Providence Meeting, and make report to our next Meeting; untill which time said Providence Monthly Meeting is directed to be held the first time on the first fourth day in the 11th Mo. and afterward on the fourth day before the last fifth day in each Month at Smithfield lower Meeting House, and this Meetg directs, and this Meeting directs that the Select Members in said Monthly Meetings meet together as proposed by said Committee in their report.

The Testimony concerning Freeborn Rider not being present the further consideration thereof is refer'd to our next Meeting.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in their acct. inform that they with the concurrence of their Womens Meeting, have appointed Caleb Greene and Mercy Slocum to the place of Elders, and this Meeting with the approbation of the Womens Quarly Meeting approving thereof the Clerk is desired to acquaint the Select Meeting therewith

The Answers to the Queries not having been read and the time being far spent, David Greene Ebenezer Spencer, Wm. Anthony Junr. Wm. Almy, Jonathan Chace 2d, Zephaniah Eddy, James Smith, & Saml. Smith, are appointed to inspect them and to insert such Observations thereon as they find necessary in a Salutation to the several Monthly Meetings with such other matters as are necessary to be sent down, and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting which is adjourn'd to the 11th Hour to Morrow

The 10th day met by adjournment.

An account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is now presented and the reason it was not yesterday is that by the Violence of the wind, passing the ferries was impracticable as we are informed by the Representatives therein named who are Amos Collins and Andrew Nichols, and the other Representatives being called are also present

The Queries were read in this Meeting and Answers thereto from the Several Monthly Meetgs

The Friends appointed presented Essays of a Salutation to the several Monthly Meetings which after one of them being read and approved of were signed by the Clerk.

The Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends now sitting informed this Meeting that their apartment in this House is so small, and their Meeting so crowded as tends much to the disturbance thereof & also to the injury of their persons, Whereupon Dartmouth Monthly Meeting is requested to make some further accommodation in their apartment by opening a Gallery therein or otherwise as may appear best

The Clerk of this Meeting having served a Number of years, and now desiring to be dismissed, that matter is referred to our next Meeting for consideration

This Meeting adjourns to the usual Time in the first Mo. next then to meet at Swansey.

Signed in and by order of said Meeting.

By George Comstock Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swanſey for Rhode Island the 8th of ye 1 Mo 1784
The Repreſentatives appointed and Named in the accounts from the Several Monthly Meetgs are.

For.

Rhode Island.	David Greene Benjn Freeborn & James Chace.
Dartmouth	Wm Anthony Junr James Davis Joſeph Austin & Caleb Barker.
Greenwich	Sylvester Weeks John Caſey & Paul Greene.
Smithfield	Wm Arnold Annanias Mowry Rufus Smith & Elisha Thornton;
Swanſey	John Earl Reuben Chace Benjamin Buffington & Edward Shove.
South Kingstown.	George Hazzard & Thos Hazzard son of Benjamin
Accoaxet	Benjamin Chace Eber Davis & Philip Tripp.
Uxbridge	Wm Baſset James Smith & Antepas Earl.
Providence	Amaſa Gray Joſeph Randall & Augustus Lapham.

Who being called are all preſent except Antepas Earl. The Clerk of this Meeting being Absent Thomas Lapham is appointed to supply that place for this time. And as the Clerk requested at last Quarter to be dismiſsed, the Repreſentatives are desired to name one for the Year enſuing and propoſe to the Meeting to Morrow.

The account from Rhode Island Monthly Meetg mentioning an appeal granted to Weston Hicks from a judgment of that Meeting in the 9th mo. last. He not appearing to proſecute the same that matter is refered to next Quarterly Meeting, and the Representatives of that Meeting are desired to inform him thereof and report to Quarter.

The Queries and Answers from the Monthly Meetings were read, and some suitable remarks made thereon, after which our Friends Robert Slade, Edward Shove, James Davis, Samuel Smith, David Greene Daniel Anthony William Almy & Abiel Gifford, are appointed to make an eſsay of Epistle to send down to the Monthly Mtgs and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Meeting adjourns to the 12th Hour to Morrow

Providence in their account inform that they have appointed Moſes Brown & Lydia Wilkinson to the Station of Elders, the same having been laid before the Womens Quarterly Meeting and they approving thereof, and also it meeting the approbation of this Meeting. Thomas Lapham is desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to Morrow.

Ninth day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present. Antepas Earl attending at this time and mentioned the difficulty of travelling being the reason of his not attending yesterday which excuse was to Satisfaction.

George Comstock agreeable to his request last Quarter is diſmiſsed from being Clerk and the Representatives proposing William Almy for that place he is accordingly appointed Clerk to this Meeting for the Year ensueing.

The Committee continued to revisit those who have heretofore held Slaves, and those who have been so held, reported, "That upon Inspection matters relative to outward Interest have in general been, and are in a way that appear encouraging to be setled to pretty good satisfaction. Yet there remains a few cases that appear discouraging for Justice to be done at present as truth requires." Wherefore said committee are still continued and directed to lay those respective cases before the Monthly Meetings to which they belong, and under their assistance in order for an equitable setlement of the same, and make report of their proceedings to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in care of the matters relative to Smithfield, Uxbridge and Providence Monthly Meetings, reported that they had attended with Committees from said Monthly Meetgs and that a division of all matters that came under consideration was agreed upon, a report whereof being made to each of said Monthly Meetgs which they attended, and there accepted and Minuted. And that their conclusion was that Providence Monthly Meeting be held the fourth day before the last fifth day in each Month at Smithfield Lower Meeting House untill Friends at Providence be accommodated with a Suitable House then alternately at Providence & Smithfield and that Uxbridge Monthly Meeting be held the Sixth day after the last fifth day in each Month which is accepted, but this Meeting being inform'd that there was some error in the Line drawn between Smithfield and Providence Monthly Meetings which error said Monthly Meetings are desired to correct, and send up the boundaries to our next Quarterly Meeting for approbation.

The matter respecting the Testimony of Freeborn Rider refer'd at last Quarterly Meeting is again refer'd as said Testimony is not present.

South Kingstown Monthly Meetings in their account inform that they with the unity of their Womens Meeting have appointed Andrew Nichols to the Station of an Elder. Also Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account inform, that they with the concurrence of their Womens Meeting do approve of the publick appearance of Job Scott but as the Womens Meeting is risen up and said matters not having been before them, therefore they are refer'd to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to make an Essay of Epistle, presented it with Transcripts of the same for the Several Monthly Meetings which being read in this Meeting was approved. and John Earl, David Greene, Benjamin Earl & Joseph Shove, are directed to assist the Clerk in inserting in them the recommendations respecting Friends dealing in Spirituous Liquors, and that respecting chusing of Clerks Annually, and the Clerk is directed to sign said Epistles inbehalf of this Meeting.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting also Inform that, a concern had arisen in that Meeting respecting Friends being in the practice of selling Spirituous Liquiors in consequence of which this Meeting directs the following recommendation to be sent down to the several Monthly Meetings, viz.

,, A concern to discourage the dealing in Spirituous
,, Liquors was opened, — this Meeting
,, uniting therein, and being desirous to spread
,, and encourage the concern, do tenderly advise
,, Friends, wisely and impartially to feel after
,, motive especilly such as are inclined to deal
,, therein, that they may be redeemed from covetting that
,, unrighteous gain, which ariseth from selling to
,, others that which they know does them harm, and
,, often worketh there ruin. — We Desire Friends
,, throughout the several Monthly Meetings to have
,, a watchful eye over their Members — timely cau-
,, tioning and adviſing such as may unguarded-
,, ly incline to such practices.,, — and the further consideration thereof is refer'd to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting also having under consideration the subject of chusing Clerks of Meetings annually, do recommend it to the several Mo.ly Meetings to come into that practice in future.

N B the two last Minutes ought to have been inserted previous to that which is inſerted before them.

The following report was read in this Meeting viz

To the Quarterly Meeting now Setting.

„We your Committee Nominated to read and consider
„of a paper, deliverd into the Meeting yesterday,
„and after perusing and examining the same
„do think it best not to be read in open Meeting yet
„we believe the Subject matter thereof deserves
„the notice and attention of this Meeting it being
„a Complaint from a person not of our Society
„against the Monthly Meeting of Swansey, representing
„that he is much aggrieved by certain Members
„of that Meeting respecting outward property
„and that said Meeting hath not accommodated
„the matter, and we having had conferrence with
„some Members of said Meeting in that respect,
„do propose, that the Quarterly Meeting appoint
„a Committee to enquire into said matter, and if it
„appears necessary to afford such assistance as
„may open the way towards composing and setling
„the same, that truth nor Friends may suffer
„no reproach by the matter being delayed and to
„report to next Quarterly Meeting.

From your Committee
the 9th of ye first Mo 1784

Samuel Smith
James Davis
Isaac Lawton
Moses Brown.

Which is approved and adopted by this Meetg, and our Friends David Buffum, Thomas Hazzard, Paul Greene, Moses Brown, Robert Dennis, & Sampson Shearman, are appointed accordingly

Dartmouth Accoaxet and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings in their accounts inform, that they have collected and sent up towards the Yearly Meeting stock as follows, viz.

	£	s	d
Dartmouth	5	13	3
Accoaxet	6	10	4
Uxbridge	5	0	0

This Meeting adjourns to East Greenwich at the uſual time in the fourth Mo.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting by

William Almy Clk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East-Greenwich for Rhode-Iſland ye 8th of the 4th Mo. 1784.

The Meeting being Aſsembled and the accounts from the ſeveral Monthly meetgs hereto belonging preſented, wherein the Repreſentatives named are.

For Rhode Iſland None named in their account but Friends from that Monthly Meetg informing that Robert Dennis, Nathaniel Clark & David Greene were appointed to attend this meeting

Dartmouth Samuel Smith John Howland & Caleb Greene

Greenwich Sylvester Weeks Paul Greene & Daniel Howland Junr.

Smithfield Walter Allen David Mowry & Benjn. Pearce,
Swanſey Benjan. Earl Stephen Stead & Levi Hunt
South Kingstown George Kenyon & Amos Collins
Accoaxet David Irish Abner Potter & Obadiah Moſher
Uxbridge Thomas Owen Elisha Arnold & Nathl. Aldridge
Providence Rufus Smith Jonathan Arnold Benj. Smith & Oziel Wilkenſon, who being called are all preſent except Caleb Greene who sent a Satisfactory reaſon for his abſence,

The accounts received from the several Monthly meetgs being read with Anſwers to the Queries by which it appears that there are some advises neceſsary to be sent down to said Monthly meetgs, whereupon we appoint Daniel Howland David Greene ~~David Greene~~ Benjamin Freeborn Thomas Arnold Benjamin Earl Jonathan Mory John Howland & Daniel Anthony, a Committee to make an eſsay of such matters as may appear uſeful to be communicated, and collect general Anſwers to the Queries and prepare an account to the Yearly meetg. and preſent them to the adjournment of this meetg.

A Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Thos. Comſtock now preſent produced by him from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at the Oblong held 15 of 12 Mo: 1783 expreſsive of their unity with him as a minister and his Visit to Friends in New England was read in this meetg to Satiſfaction

The Representatives from Rhode Island monthly Meeting directed at last Quarterly Meeting to acquaint Weston Hicks that the matter respecting his appeal was refer'd on account of his not being present to prosecute the same reported that they had informed him as directed, And this meetg receiving a paper from the said Hicks purporting that he through inability of body is unable to attend this Meetg in person but that he is willing his appeal be Tried upon the Representation of the matter and evidence contained in said paper whereupon we appoint Jonathan Arnold Rufus Smith of Glocester Elisha Thair Samuel Smith & John Reynolds a Committee to take said matter under consideration and make report of what in their sense and Judgment will be best for this Meetg to do in that case at their adjournment tomorrow.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth informs this meeting that Friends of Bedford particular meetg had requested their advice in regard to building a Meeting House there, and that they had appointed a Committee to take said matter into consideration who made report that it was expedient that Friends be better accommodated for meetgs together and that it might be best that a new Meetg House at that place and that they approved of said report which they sent up for this Meetgs advise and concurrence whereupon we appoint Jacob Mott Robert Dennis George Smith Eber Davis & Thos

Thomas Arnold a Committee to Visit said Monthly and particularly Meetings and advise with them respecting the same, and make report to next Quarterly Meeting of what in their sense and judgment will be best to be done in that matter.

The appointment of Andrew Nichols to the place of an Elder from South Kingstown monthly meeting, and the Recommendation of the Publick appearance of Job Scott from the monthly meeting of Uxbridge, referd at last Quarter, having now been laid before the Womens Quarterly Meeting and they expressing their approbation therewith and this meeting after due consideration also approving of the same of which Thomas Aldrige is desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th Hour to Morrow.

Ninth day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present as was Yesterday excepting some on a Committee

An account of the dying sayings of our Friend Jonathan Farnum deceased from the monthly Meeting of Uxbridge held the 27 & 28th of 2nd Mo 1784 was read and in general to satisfaction, Yet this Meeting apprehending it most safe considering some Circumstances attending, that they be revised by a Committee, do therefore appoint Isaac Lawton, Joseph Mitchel Samuel Smith & John Casey a Committee to revise them, and report to next Quarterly Meeting what in their Sense and Judgment will be best for this Meeting to do respecting them.

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey in their account inform, that the publick appearance in the Ministry of Benjamin Buffington had been forwarded to them by the way of the preparative meeting, which after being deliberately considered by them was approved. This Meeting after consideration think best that it be refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting.

Also that the Publick appearance in the Ministry of Stephen Slead had been forwarded in like manner and that they also approved of the same. — This meeting after consideration thinks best that it be refer'd to next Quarterly meeting.

A Certificate on behalf of David Buffum from the monthly meeting of Smithfield held ye 25 of 3d Mo 1784 directed to Friends at their Yearly Meeting on Long Island, Certifying their Unity with his Visiting said Meeting was read and approved, and a few lines endorsed thereon and sign'd by the Clerk expressing our Unity therewith.

Providence Monthly Meeting informed this Meeting that it was their judgment that it would be best that the meeting House at Providence be fitted up by an Addition, for holding men's and Womens Meetings for business and desiring this Meetings advice therein. Whereupon we appoint Jacob Mott Thomas Aldridge Thomas Hazard & Daniel Howland a Committee to Visit said Monthly

Meeting and advise with them respecting the same and report to next Quarterly Meeting their sense and Judgment respecting what may be best to be done in that caſe.

A Minute on behalf of Joſeph Mitchel from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island held at Newport the 30 of 3 Mo. 1784 directed to the Yearly Meeting of Friends on Long Island Certifying their unity with his Visitting said Meeting was read and approved and a few Lines endorſed thereon and sign'd by the Clerk expreſſive of our Unity therewith.

The Committee continued to revisit thoſe who have heretofore held Slaves and thoſe who have been held in Slavery made report, that they had attended to that matter as way had opened, and that some of the caſes that heretofore appeared discouraging to be setled as truth requires, appear now in a better way than at last Quarter. yet there is one or two caſes that still remain discouraging, Wherefore said Committee is again continued, and desired to extend their further care in indeavouring for a just Settlement of thoſe delinquent caſes.

This Meeting received an account of the boundaries of the Line drawn between Smithfield and Providence Monthly Meetings which is approved by this Meeting and is as follows viz.

We the Committee from Smithfield and Providence Monthly Meetings agree to the following dividing Line.

Beginning at Richard or Stephen Stears Sawmill in Glocester, a Straight line to Joseph Bassets House (he to belong to Providence Monthly Meetg) thence to Elisha Mowreys son of Daniel, thence to the great road that leads from Providence to Worcester striking said Road twenty rods Southerly of John Manns, thence to William Gulleys, thence to John Bartlets in Cumberland thence to Amos Arnolds (he to belong to Providence Monthly Meeting) thence a due East Course.

Moses Brown
Amasa Gray
Joseph Farnum) Committee for Providence
George Comstock
Jacob Arnold
Wm Buffum) Committ fo Smithfield
Smithfield 20th 2d Mo. 1784

The Consideration of the Testimony concerning Freeborn Rider Deceased is again referd as said Testimony cannot yet be found.

This Meeting upon resuming the consideration of the matter respecting Friends dealing in Spirituous Liquor refered at last Quarter think best that the recommendation sent down to the several Monthly Meetings from last Quarterly Meeting be laid before the next Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to extract a Copy thereof and lay before said Yearly Meetg together with a Copy of this Minute.

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly

Meeting in consequence of the report of a Committee nominated to review a paper presented to said Meeting, make report by which and other information received by this meetg, it appears that the matter which they were appointed to endeavour to compose is Setled,

It appearing necessary to this Meeting that there be a Treasurer appointed to receive such Monies as may be collected to defray the necessary expences hereof whereupon Robert Slade is appointed Treasurer for the year ensueing, who is directed to make seasonable inspection into the sums of Money collected and sent up by this Quarter towards Supplying the Yearly meetgs Treasury, and in case the Sums collected and sent is short of the sum agreed to be raised by this meetg and that deficiency not seasonally made up by the monthly meetgs, this meetg directs the said Treasurer to hire the sum that may be deficient and send up to the Yearly meetgs Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the matter respecting the appeal of Weston Hicks reported, it was their judgment that it would be st. that said matter be refer'd under the care of a Committee, whereupon the same is refer'd under their Care, and they directed to acquaint said Hicks that his appeal is continued and that he appear before them and make his defence and said Committee are hereby authorized to hear and determine on said appeal and report to next Quarterly meetg

An essay of Epistle to the Several monthly meetgs with General answers to the Queries and an account to the Yearly meetg was presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose which being read and some amendment made was approved and sign'd by the Clerk and said account with the Answers to the Queries are directed to the Yearly meetg next ensueing by our Representatives, Jacob Mott, Thos Hazard Levi Hunt George Comstock Abner Potter & Isaac Lawton.

A Certificate on behalf of our Friend Thomas Comstock who hath attended the Several Sittings of this meetg directed to the Monthly meetg of Friends at the Oblong, was by order of this meetg sign'd by the Clerk.

Sign'd by order of the meetg Wm. Almy Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield upper Meeting House for Rhode Island ye 8th of ye 7th mo. 1784

The Meeting being Assembled and the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented - the Representatives therein named are

For
Rhode Island Isaac Lawton Edward Sisson & Benjamin Freeborn.
Dartmouth Caleb Green & Joseph Austin
Benjn. Tabor & James Davis
Greenwich Thos Aldrich & Sylvester Wicks

Smithfield Seth Kelly George Comstock & Rufus Smith
Swansey Joseph Shove John Chace 2d & Stephen Mead
South Kingstown Andrew Nichols & Peter Hoxie,
Accoaxet Noah Gifford Jacob Chace & Philip Tripp
Uxbridge Daniel Cast Antepas Earl Benjn Batty &
James Smith.
Providence Thomas Lapham, Caleb Greene & Benjn Smith
who being called are all present except John Chace 2d
who sent a Satisfactory reason for his Absence

Our Friend David Sands attended this Meetg and produced a Certificate from Creek Monthly Meetg held in Nine partners the 21st of the 5th Mo. 1784

Also our Friend Tiddeman Hull attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from Creek Monthly Meeting held in nine partners ye 21 of ye 5 Mo. 1784 Also our Friend Samuel Hopkins attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia for the Northern district dated ye 26 of 6th Mo. 1784.

Also our Friend Thomas Scattergood attended this Meetg and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia for the Northern district dated ye 25th of 6th Mo. 1784. all expressing the unity of their respective Monthly Meetgs with them as Ministers, and with their Visiting Friends in these parts, which were read in this Meetg to Satisfaction.

The accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings being read with answers to the

Queries, and it appearing to this Meeting from the deficiencies that in them doth appear, that there are some advices neceſsary to be sent down to said Monthly Meetings, whereupon we appoint Rufus Smith, of Glocester, David Greene Caleb Greene of Bedford George Comstock Robert Slade, & John Holden a Committee to make an eſsay of such matters as to them shall appear expedient and present to the adjournment of this Meetg.

And as there are some Transcripts of Epistles neceſsary to be made out in order to furniſh the Monthly Meetgs therewith. Therefore Benjamin Freeborn, John Lawton, Sylvester Weeks, John Earl Jeſsaniah Barret, Jacob Chace, David Mory, George Arnum, Chad Smith, & Jonathan Congdon, are appointed to Tranſcribe them, together with the Extract of our last Yearly Meetings Minutes and present them to the adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th Hour to Morrow.

Ninth day met by Adjournment.

The Representatives be called are all preſent as was yesterday excepting some absent upon a Committee.

The Committee appointed to visit Dartmouth Monthly and Bedford particular Meeting with respect to building a Meeting House at Bedford, informed that some of them had attended to that but were not sufficiently ripe to report at this time. Therefore it is refer'd under there care they to report to next Quarterly Meeting.

Three of the Committee appointed to reviſe the account of the dying sayings of our Friend Jonathan Farnum Deceaſed made report which not being ſufficiently clear to this Meetg, said account with their report is again committed to them for their further conſideration, they to report to next Quarterly Meeting.

The recommendation of the Publick appearance in the Ministry of Benjamin Buffington from Swanſey Monthly Meeting refered at last Quarter, after being weightily considered at this time, is (with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting) approv'd and Paul Greene is desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

The recommendation of the Publick appearance in the ministry of Stephen Slade from Swanſey Monthly Meeting refered at last Quarter coming weightily before this Meeting, and it appearing to be the ſenſe and judgment thereof, that it would be best to refer under the care of a Committee they to take a solid opportunity with the members of that Select Meeting and with the Friend recommended, and endeavour to feel for the mind of Truth in that caſe and report to next Quarterly meetg. And Jacob Mott, Elisha Thornton, Thomas Lapham, George Smith, Moſes Brown, Joseph Congdon, William Buffum & Thomas Hazzard are appointed accordingly.

The Monthly Meeting of Greenwich in their Account inform that they with the concurrence of their Womens Meeting do approve of Daniel Howland Jun as a Minister. This taking the same under conſideration think best to appoint a Committee to take a solid a solid opportunity with the Members of that select Meeting and with the Friend recommended and endeavour to feel for the mind of truth in that caſe and report to next Quarterly Meeting. And Rufus Smith of Glocester Jeſsanniah Barret George Comstock, Sampson Shearman, Thomas Wilber & Amasa Gray are appointed accordingly.

A Certificate on behalf of Daniel Aldridge from the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge held at Uxbridge the 25 & 26th of 6th mo 1784 directed to Friends within the Verge of Oblong and Nine Partners Quarterly Meetings in the Government of New York expreſsive of their approbation with his visitting Friends within the compaſs of said Meetings was read in this Meeting and approved, and a few Lines endorſed thereon, and Sign'd by the Clerk expreſsing our Concurrence therewith. Also a Certificate on behalf of Job Scott from said Monthly meeting dated as the above, directed to Friends within the Verge of sd Quarterly Meetings approving of his Visitting Friends within the Compaſs of said Meetings in company with Daniel Aldridge above mentioned was read in this Meeting & approved and a few Lines endorſed on the same Sign'd by the Clerk expreſsing our Concurrence therewith.

The Committee continued to revisit thoſe who have held Slaves and thoſe who have been so held made report in writing which is accepted and is as follows viz. Smithfield ye 8th of ye 7th mo. 1784

To the Quarterly Meeting now Sitting.

We your Committee who were again continued to revisit those who have held Slaves and those who have been so held, have further attended to that matter as way hath opened, and do not find but that matters as to outward Interest are all in a way of Settling to the Satisfaction of those that have been so held, and also to the Satisfaction of the Committee, except two cases which after repeated Visits & Labour with the persons who have so held Slaves, they still remain in a disposition not to make such a Settlement with them as in our ofr opinion truth requires, Therefore we have laid said Cases before the monthly Meeting where they belongs and the said Monthly Meetings have appointed Committees respecting said matters, and we also are of opinion that any further continuance of us in the appointment may not be useful, apprehending also that we have no further service therein. all which we submit to the Meetg

Signed in behalf of the Committee

By Sampson Shearman.

nevertheless said Committee are again Continued and desired to lay those cases that are not fully compleated before the Committees of the monthly Meetings to which said Cases doth respectively belong and make report of their proceedings to next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting adjourns to the 8th Hour to morrow.

10th day met by adjournment.

The Representatives being called are all present as heretofore except Rufus Smith who sent a Satisfactory reason for his absence.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting held at

Newport together with an extract of the minutes of said Meeting were read in this Meeting to good satiſfaction, and the advices and concluſions therein contained are directed to be sent to the Several Monthly Meetings for their practical obſervance.

The Testimony concerning Freeborn Rider Deceaſed, not being yet produced. Therefore that matter is again refer'd, and the Clerk is directed to bring to next Quarterly Meeting the minutes that have been made in this Meeting from time to time respecting that matter.

William Buffum & Robert Wilkenſon are appointed a Committee to receive the Books and papers belonging to this Meeting that are in the former Clerks hands and deliver them to the preſent Clerk.

The Committee appointed to visit Providence Monthly Meeting, respecting their building an addition to their meeting Houſe at Providence, informed that they had not as yet attended to that service, Therefore it is refer'd under their care they to report to next Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had Transcribed the minute and recommendation of this Meeting respecting Friends dealing in Spirituous Liquors and laid before the Yearly Meeting as directed.

The Committee appointed to hear and determine on the appeal of Weston Hicks from the Judgment of Rhode Island Monthly Meetg not having fully performed the Service of their appointment. Therefore that matter is again referr'd, and they desired to attend therto and report to next Quarterly Meeting.

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London the 6th mo. 1783.

Also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia, from ye 29th of 9th mo. to the 4th of 10th Mo. 1783. Also one from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Long Island from ye 29th of 5th mo. to the 3d of 6th Mo. 1784 were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Essay of Epistle to the Several Monthly Meetings presented it, which being read was approved, and a Sufficient number of Transcripts thereof were sign'd by the Clerk, and directed to be sent to the Several Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to prepare Transcripts of the London, Philadelphia, & Long Island Epistles, together with Transcripts of our last Yearly Meetings Epistle, and the extracts of the minutes of said Meeting presented them, which are directed to be sent to the Several Monthly Meetgs.

This Meeting concludes to raise the sum of £100 towards supplying towards supplying the yearly Meetings Treasury and defraying the expences of this Meeting and the Several Monthly Meetings are desired to collect the sum apportion'd to each respectively as follows. viz.

viz Rhode Island	£16	South Kingstown	£8
Dartmouth	16	Accoaxet	10,15
Greenwich	8	Uxbridge	10,10
Smithfield	10,10	Providence	10,10
Swansey	9,15		£100

and send up as soon as may be to this Meetings Treasurer, and an account thereof to this Meetg.

Endorsments on the Certificates of our Friends David Sands, Tiddeman Hull, Samuel Hopkins & Thomas Scattergood who have attended the several sittings of this Meeting to Satisfaction was approved and by order of this Meetg sign'd by the Clerk. Signed by Order of the Meetg Wm Almy Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island &c 7th of the 10th Mo 1784. The Meeting being convened and the accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented, the Representatives therein named are.

For
Rhode Island Gould Marsh Robert Dennis & James Chase.
Dartmouth John Deval Joseph Barker Benjn Smith 2d & John Howland
Greenwich William Spencer John Casey & Paul Greene.
Smithfield David Mowry Elisha Thornton & Rufus Smith
Swansey Benjn Buffington Benjn Slead & Moses Buffington

South Kingstown George Hazzard & Andrew Nichols.

Accoaxet David Irish Zephaniah Eddy John Moſher & David Ruſsell.

Uxbridge. Danl Caſs Antipas Earl & Jethro Lapham.

Providence Joseph Farnum Amasa Gray & Moſes Brown.

Who being called are all present. except Benjn Smith his absence being occaſioned as this Meeting was inform'd through indispoſition of Body. The accounts received as above mentioned were read and the Queries and Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings and it appearing from them that the neceſsary care is much a-wanting, whereupon we appoint Gould Marsh Benjn Earl Wm Almy Jonathan Wilber Jeſsaniah Barret John Moſher Thomas Howland & Ozil Wilkenſon a Committee to prepare an eſsay of Epistle to said Meetings reminding them thereof and requesting their attention thereto with such other matters as to them may appear neceſsary and present to the adjournment of this Meeting, which is adjourn'd to the 11th hour to morrow. Eighth day met by Adjournment. The Representatives all present that was Yesterday excepting some abſent on a Committee

The Committee appointed to Visit the Monthly meeting of Dartmouth and the particular Meetg at Bedford respecting their Building a Meeting

Houſe at Bedford report as follows viz

We the Committee appointed to visit Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and Bedford particular Meetg respecting their propoſition for Building a Meetg Houſe at Bedford have met with a Committee of said Monthly Meeting and Friends of Bedford, and confer'd upon that matter and all of us except one have visitted said Monthly and particular Meetings: And it is our Sense and Judgment it will be best they have a Meeting Houſe and that it be built upon a Lott propoſed to be given for that purpoſe by Joſeph Ruſsell, which Friends there gennerally agreed to for the place. We also are of opinion that 36 by 48 feet would be a proper Size for said Houſe, and an estimation of the Cost of ſuch Houſe was also made which amounted to four hundred Pounds Lawful Money -- All which is Submitted to the Quarterly Meeting

Dartmouth the 7. of 10th Mo:
1784 To the Quarterly
Meetg now Setting

Jacob Mott
Robt. Dennis
George Smith
Eber Davis
Thomas Arnold

which is accepted and said monthly meeting desired to proceed toward building of said Meeting House, and the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are desired to contribute in their freedom for the Building of the ſame.

A part of the Committee continued to recon-

-sider the account of the dying sayings of our Frind Jonathan Farnum Deceased informed this Meeting that they are not ready to report at this time Wherefore that matter is again refer'd under the care of the same Committee who are desired to report to next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit the Select Meeting of Swanſey, and Stephen Slead on the account of his being recommended as a Minister by that Monthly Meeting report as follows viz

To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Dartmouth in the 10th Mo. next. We of your Committee to visit the Members of Swansey Select Meeting and Stephen Slead in the Case of his being recommended from that Monthly Meeting to this as a Minister Report that we have had an opportunity with them, and according to our sense in that matter it may best for the Quarterly Meeting to concur with said recommendation Yet Submit the matter to your diſpoſal.

Swanſey the 2nd of 8th Mo. 1784

Thos Hazard
Jacob Mott
George Smith
Wm Buffum.
Elisha Thornton.

which is accepted by the Meeting and the said recommendation concur'd with accordingly the Womens Quarterly Meeting having been previously consulted and they expreſsing their approbation with it — Benjn Arnold is desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting of the ſame.

The Committee appointed to visit the Select Meeting of Greenwich and Daniel Howland Jun.r on the account of his being recommended by that Monthly Meeting as a Minister make report as follows viz. To the Quarterly Meeting to be held in the 10th Mo. next. We your Committee to visit the Members of the Select Meeting of East Greenwich as well as Daniel Howland Jun.r on the account of his being recommended as a minister have attended to that service and it is our senſe that it may be safe to concur with the recommendation

7th of 9th Mo. 1784

Sampson Shearman
Rufus Smith
Amaſa Gray
George Comstock
Jeſsaniah Barret.

which is accepted and the said recommendation concur'd with accordingly, the Womens Quarterly Meeting having been previously consulted and expreſsed their concurrence with it Benj.n Arnold is desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting of the same.

The Committee continued in order to lay the Caſes of such Friends as have heretofore held Slaves and have not performed an equitable settlement with them before the Committees of the Monthly Meetings to which said Cases respectively belong make report as follows. viz.

We your Committee continued in the care of thoſe who have held Slaves and thoſe who have been so held; have taken into consideration those Cases which yet remain in an unsettled way and have laid them before the Committees of the Monthly Meetings where such Cases were agreeable to the directions of the Quarterly Meeting except in Dartmouth where there is but one of the Monthly Meetings Committee standing.

Dartmouth 10th Mo 7th 1784 Robert Dennis in behalf of the Committee

which is accepted and said Committee continued to make out the state of such Cases as are in the Verge of said Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and Lay them before the Overseers of it and report to next Quarterly Meeting. The Testimony concerning our Friend Freeborn Rider Deceased being not yet produced and the minutes which have been made in this Meeting from time to time respecting it, being brought by the Clerk as directed. And this Meeting after deliberating upon the matter think best to appoint a Committee to use their endeavours to procure the original but if that cannot be found to report to next Quarterly Meeting what will be best for this Meeting to do in that case according to their Sense and Judgment. and Samuel Smith Caleb Greene of Bedford Abner Potter & Job Scott are appointed for that service.

William Buffum & Robert Wilkenson reported that they had received the Books and Papers belonging to this Meeting which were in the former Clerks hands and sent them by Elisha Thornton to the present Clerk.

The Committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meeting of Providence respecting their building an addition to the Meeting House at Providence make report that they have attended to that Service and it is their sense and Judgment that it would be safe to leave said Monthly Meeting at Liberty to make such an Addition or alteration as to them may appear sufficient to accommodate themselves in holding their Monthly & Preparative Meetings but not specifying the dimensions of it. and this Meeting receiving information that 21 feet in Length from the East End of the Old House of equal Heighth and breadth with the same are the dimensions proposed by them, which are agreeable to the Meeting and said Monthly Meeting is Left at liberty to accomplish said Addition or alteration accordingly, and the several monthly meetings are desired to contribute in their freedom for the effecting of the same.

The Committee continued to hear and determine on the appeal brought by Weston Hicks from the judgment of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting make report as follows viz.

Agreeable to the appointment of the Quarterly Meeting to hear and determine upon an appeal brought by Weston Hicks from a judgment of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. We have heard the allegations & pleas of said Hicks in said matter, and have had

several conferences with him thereupon, and enquired into the ground of the complaint brought against him, and after weightily considering the caſe, it is our united senſe and Judgment that the said Weston Hicks do continue to be disjoined to Friends untill he shall condemn his appearing at the Town Meeting and there advising the people not to Let any Refugee or Tory have any Vote or be choſen into any office in the Town as mentioned in the minutes of said Monthly Meeting. It not being consistant with our peaceable profeſsion to intermeddle with Strife about the Government, but the latter clauſe of the accusation mentioned in said Minutes which is not here inserted not appearing fully confirm'd to be a fact and he denying the ſame, we think it had better not been inserted in their said Minutes given forth by your Committee
this 6 day of the 10th Mo. 1784

Rufus Smith
Samuel Smith
Elisha Steere
John Reynolds

which is accepted by this Meeting and the Judgment of said Monthly Meeting in disowning of him confirmed accordingly. In the account from South Kingstown Meeting is the following Paragraph viz. This meeting desires that the Quarterly Meeting would consider of a reputable and equitable way how the expences of Friends shall be paid where it is neceſsary that some Friends should accompany Publick Friends that have visitted our Quarter on their return through Connecticut" which is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting. An endorsment on the Certificate of our Friend Thomas Scattergood who hath attended the Several Sittings of this Meeting to our Satisfaction was by order of the Meeting Signed by the Clerk. An essay of Epistle to the Several Monthly Meetings was read in & approved by this Meeting and Signed by the Clerk.

Signed on behalf of the Meetg, Wm Almy Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island ye 13th of ye 1st Mo. 1785
The Meeting being Assembled and the accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented the Representatives therein named are.

For	Rhode Island	Joseph Mitchel Zacheus Chase & Richard mitchel
	Dartmouth	Abiel Gifford James Davis Stephen Buffington & Caleb Greene.
	Greenwich	Thos Aldrich Sylvester Weeks & Thos Hazard Junr
	Smithfield	Rufus Smith Wm Buffum & Jonathan Mowry
	Swansey	Nathan Chase Benjn Earl & Clarke Purinton
	South Kingstown	George Hazard & George Kenyon
	Accoaxet	David Irish Zephaniah Eddy & Abiel Macomber.
	Uxbridge	Jessaniah Barret Nathl Aldridge & David Wadsworth.

Providence Joseph Randal & Benjamin Smith who being called are all present except Abiel Gifford Wm Buffum & Benjn Smith, there absence being occasion'd as this Meeting was informed by reason of indisposition or Sickness in family. the account of Abiel Gifford indisposition came from him in writing which is Satisfactory. The Queries were read in this Meeting and the Answers thereto from all the monthly Meetings and some Friends concerned to make some useful remarks upon the deficiences appearing in them. Jessaniah Barret Sylvester Weeks Benjamin Freeborn David Greene Robert Wilkenson George Shove & Samuel Smith are appointed a Committee to prepare an essay of Epistle to said Meetings containing such matter as to them may appear useful to be communicated unto them and present to the adjournment of this Meeting.

Whereas David Buffum was desired at last Quarterly Meeting to inform Weston Hicks of this meeting's Confirming the Judgment of Rhode Island monthly Meeting in disowning him, and the said David having acquainted this Meeting that he hath informed him accordingly. and this Meeting receiving a paper from the said Hicks, desiring an appeal from said judgment so confirmed, which is granted him. and Rufus Smith Sampson Shearman & Jonathan Arnold are appointed to represent the doings of this Meeting in that case to the Yearly Meeting if he appears there to prosecute his said appeal.

Smithfield Monthly in their account inform that they in conjunction with their Womens Meeting have appointed Deborah Mowry an Elder which is approved by this Meeting the Womens Quarterly Meetg also approving of it. George Comstock is appointed to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting of the ſame

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting also with the concurrence of their womens Meeting have appointed Joanna Shove an Elder which is approved by this meeting, the Womens Quarterly meeting also approving the ſame George Comstock is desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly meeting thereof

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting having informed this meeting that they have received information from Salem monthly meeting. that it was the desire of Bolton Preparative meeting to be annexed to them and that Salem Quarterly Meeting was willing that they should be so adjoined to which this Meeting hath no objection and do refer the result of the same to the Yearly meeting having the consent of the Womens Quarterly meeting therein.

This meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to morrow.

14th day met by adjournment.

The Repreſentatives all preſent as was Yesterday excepting some abſent on Committees

The Representatives being desired Yesterday to think of and propoſe to this meeting some Friends to serve as Clerk for the Year enſueing. they accordingly propoſed that Wm. Almy be reappointed to serve in that Capacity which this Meeting approves and he is reappointed accordingly.

The Committee continued in order to make out the state of such Cases respecting Slaves as remain in an unsettled way within the Verges of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and Lay the same before the Overſeers of said Meeting. report that it is done accordingly whereupon said Committee is dismiſsd

The Committee appointed to endeavour to procure the original Testimony concerning Freeborn Pider Deceaſed &c. preſented said Testimony and it appearing to be the Senſe and Judgment of this Meeting that it would be best to commit the further consideration of it to a Committee they to report to next Quarterly mee what in their Sense and Judgment would be best for this Meeting to do respecting the diſpoſing of said Testimony Whereupon Sampſon Shearman, Daniel Anthony, Robert Slade, George Comstock, & Jacob Mott are appointed for that service accordingly.

The Committee to whom the consideration of the dying sayings of our Friend Jonathan Farnum Deceaſed were recommitted made report as follows. viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Swanſey for
Rhode Island the 13th of the 1st Mo. 1785.

We of the Committee continued in the matter respecting the Testimony concerning our Friend Jonathan Farnum Deceaſed have met and deliberated thereon and are not able to discover any thing better to be done with it than to leave it with the Monthly he belonged to, to make such uſe of it as they in the wiſdom of Truth may find expedient.

Saml. Smith
Joſeph Mitchil
Iſaac Lawton.

which is accepted by this Meeting and said monthly - Meeting left at liberty to make such uſe of it accordingly

In Conſequence of the Paragraph in the account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting which was refer'd at last Quarter being read the meeting came to this concluſion viz. To appoint a Committee to take the same into consideration and report to next Quarterly meeting their ſenſe and judgment thereon. accordingly Jonathan Mowry Paul Greene Jacob Mott David Farnum, Daniel Anthony Philip Tripp Aſa Shove Caleb Greene of Bedford & Thos. Hazard are appointed for that service.

It appearing by the accounts from Rhode Island Dartmouth Smithfield Swanſey Uxbridge & Providence Monthly Meetings that they have sent up their proportions of the Yearly & Quarterly meetings stock. viz.

Rhode Island	£16.	Dartmouth	£16
Smithfield -	- 10,10	Swanſey	9,15
Uxbridge -	- 10,10	Providence	10,10

The Committee appointed to prepare an eſsay of Epistle to the several Monthly Meetings preſented it which after being read was approved and a Sufficient number of Copies of the ſame for said Meetgs was by order of this Meetg ſigned by the Clerk.

ſigned on behalf of the Meeting } Wm. Almy Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East-Greenwich for Rhode Island ye 7th of 4th Mo. 1785

The Meeting being aſsembled and the accounts from the several monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented the Repreſentatives therein names are.

For Rhode Island Jacob Mott David Greene & James Lawton
Dartmouth James Davis Caleb Greene & Elijah Gifford
Greenwich Dan.l Howland Sylvester Weeks & John Caſey
Smithfield Rufus Smith Jonathan Mowry & Wm. Buffum.
Swanſey Aſa Shove Robt. Slead & Benj.n Earl.
South Kingstown George Kinyon John Congdon George Hazard & Joſeph Collins.
Accoaxet. Philip Tripp Jacob Chase & David Ruſsel
Uxbridge James Smith David Farnum Dan.l Coſs & Wm. Baſset.

who being called are all preſent.

Our Friend Zachariahs Dicks attended this Meetg and produced a Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Cane Creek in North Carolina the 3 day of ye 7th Mo. 1784 directed to friends in Great Brittain Ireland & Elsewhere Certifying there unity with him as a Minister and with his proceeding to make a Religious Visit to Friends where his ſaid Certificate was directed. Also an endorſment on ſaid Certificate from a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Garden in North Carolina by adjournments from the 14th of the 8th Mo. 1784 to the 16th of the ſame incluſive concurring with the above.

Also our Friend

John Elliot Junr. attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends at Philadelphia held the 31st of 12 mo. 1784 Certifying their unity with his Gift in the ministry and their Concurrence with his Visitting Friends in the Governments of New York & New England in Company with our Friend Zachariah Dicks above mentioned which were read in this meeting to satisfaction As was a Certificate produced by our Friend Ann Jeſsop from the monthly Meeting of Friends held at New Garden in North Carolina by adjournment from the 31st of the 7 Mo. to the 4th of 8th Mo. 1784 directed to Friends in the Northern Parts of America as far as New England and to Friends in Europe Certifying their Unity with her as a Minister and with her visitting friends in Gospel Love to whom her Certificate is directed with an endorſment thereon from the Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Garden in North Carolina by adjournments from the 14th of the 8th mo. 1784 to the 16th of the same incluſive concurring with the above.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and the Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings. Joſeph Congdon David Greene Caleb Greene of Bedford, Caleb Greene of Providence Job Scott Jacob Chace Sylvester Weeks Robert Stead & Wm. Buffum, are appointed a Committee to compile General Anſwers and to prepare an

Account to the Yearly Meeting and preſent to the adjournment of this Meeting also an eſsay of Epistle to the Monthly Meetings if they apprehend any thing may be uſefully communicated

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow

8th day met by adjournment.

The Repreſentatives all preſent.

The Committee appointed to consider of what method would be best for this Meeting to adopt for the diſpoſing of the Testimony concerning Freeborn Rider Deceaſed, report, it is their judgment ~~that~~ it may be best to diſmiſs said Testimony and return it to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting which is adopted and said Testimony diſmiſs'd accordingly.

The Committee appointed to consider of, and report their sense and judgment on the Paragraph which came up in the account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, made report which on account of some circumstances attending was not altogether satisfactory, Therefore said matter is recommitted to them for their further consideration, they to report to next Quarterly Meeting in writing.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting having with the concurrence of their Womens Meeting recommended Nathan Harkneſs to our approbation as an Elder which is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting for ~~further~~ consideration.

Dartmouth and Acoaxet Monthly Meeting's having proposed to this Meeting whether it might not be best to suspend the Answering of the Queries excepting once a year and that to the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly Meeting or at least that the first, Second, and thirteenth Queries be only answered. — This Meeting upon considering the present State of Society, think it will not be best while so many deficiencies remain that any alteration in answering the Queries be made but that they be observed and carefully answered This Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour to morrow.

Ninth day met by adjournment.

The Representatives all present.

The Printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London the 6th Mo. 1784 was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction

Our Friend Mary Mitchell having laid before this Meeting a concern that rest on her mind to proceed on a religious Visit to Friends at New-york, Long Island, and some places adjacent, and produced a Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with her concern — this meeting also having unity with her therein have certified the same by an endorsment on her said Certificate Sign'd by the Clerk.

General Answers to the Queries and an account to the Yearly Meeting with an eſsay of Epistle to the Monthly Meetings were presented by the Committee appointed to the charge of preparing them, and read and approved by this Meeting and Signed by the Clerk. – And said account and Answers are directed to be carried to the yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Isaac Lawton, David Greene Thomas Wilber David Buffum Paul Greene David Farnum, Robert Slead, Thomas Hazzard Moses Brown James Davis & Eber Davis

Our Friend David Sands attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Creek Monthly Meeting held at Nine partners the 21st of 5th Mo. 1784 with which he attended this Meeting in the 7th Month last, he having been performing a Religious visit to Friends within the Verge of our yearly Meeting during which intermediate time, and a Certificate on his behalf directed to said Creek Monthly Meeting was by order of this meeting signed by the Clerk. – – Also a Certificate on behalf of our Friend Zachariahs Dicks directed to Friends at Cane Creek in North Carolina was by order of this Meeting signed by the Clerk, – As was an endoſsment on the Certificate of our Friend John Elliot Junr.

The time for which this Meetings Treaſurer was appointed to that trust being now expired – Amaſa Gray is appointed Treaſurer for the year enſueing – – Daniel Anthony & William Buffum are appointed to audit the accounts of the former Treasurer, and report the State of the Treaſury to next Quarterly Meeting, and if their is any monies in said Treasurers hands to receive the ſame and deliver it to the preſent Treaſurer.

Greenwich South Kingstown and Accoaxet Monthly Meetings inform that they have sent up their proportion of the Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock viz Greenwich – £8 South Kingstown £8 Accoaxet £10,,10 which makes up the ſum of £100 which this Meeting concluded to raiſe.

This Meeting directs the Treaſurer to pay to the Yearly Meetings Treaſurer the ſum aſ proportioned this Meeting to raiſe towards supplying the Yearly Meetings Treaſury and if there is not a ſufficiency in Stock, he is hereby directed to hire the ſame on this Meetings account and report to next Quarterly Meeting

At a Quarterly of Friends held at Smithfield upper Meeting House for Rhode Island the 7th day of the 7th Mo 1785 The Meeting being convened the Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are

From Rhode Island	Sampson Shearman Joseph Mitchell & David Greene
Dartmouth	Thomas Hicks Jonathan Hart & Benjn Chace
Greenwich	Thomas Aldrich Paul Greene & Sylvester Weeks
Smithfield	Seth Kelly Benedict Remington & Benjn Pearce
Swansey	Levi Hunt George Shove & Benjn Buffington
South Kingstown	Wm Congdon George Kinyon & Joseph Collins
Accoaxet	John Peckham Israel Wood & Philip Tripp
Uxbridge	Benedict Arnold Job Scott Wm Basset & Antepas Earl
Providence	Caleb Greene Asa Potter & Elisha Steer

who being called are all present except Sampson Shearman Jonathan Hart & Israel Wood the reason of Israel Wood's Absence he communicated to this Meeting in writing which was satisfactory.

The ~~Friends~~ appointed to represent this Meeting at the Yearly Meeting make report that they all attended the several sittings thereof (excepting one whose circumstances were such as to render his non-attendance excusable) and presented an Epistle from said Meeting also Transcripts of the London, Philadelphia, & Long Island Epistles, that from our Yearly Meeting was read at this time to our satisfaction & the contents thereof noticed by this Meeting.

The Queries were read, and the accounts, and Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings, and some Judicious remarks made upon some particular deficiencies which we hope may excite friends to endeavour for an amendment. — William Buffum, James Smith, Sylvester Weeks Oziel Wilkenson George Shove John Holden David Greene, Thomas Arnold, Zephaniah Barret James Robinson & John Lawton are appointed a Committee to prepare an essay of Epistle to said monthly meetings, and to transcribe the London Philadelphia & Long Island Epistles and present them to the adjournment of this meeting The Yearly meeting having communicated in their Epistle that they concurred, with the proposal of Bolton Preparative Meeting being annexed to this Quarter, whereupon said Preparative Meeting is adjoined to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting agreeable to the desire of said Preparative meeting as communicated to this Meeting by said monthly Meeting the 1st mo: last.

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th Hour to Morrow.

Eighth day met by adjournment.

The Representatives all present as was yesterday

The further consideration of the appointment of Nathan Harkness to the place of an Elder being attended to by this and after solidly considering thereon his appointment (with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting) is approved

The monthly Meeting of Rhode Island having appointed David Greene to the place of an Elder which after consideration (with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly meeting) is approved

The Monthly Meeting of Swansey having appointed Moses Buffington to the place of an Elder which (with the concurrence of the Womens Quarterly Meeting) is approved.

The Womens Quarterly Meeting inform that Swansey Monthly Meeting hath also appointed Hannah Earl an Elder, and that they approved thereof. this Meeting after consideration approves of the same. — Moses Brown is desired to acquaint the select Quarterly Meeting of the approvement of the above appointments

The Committee continued to further consider the matter from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting make the following report. viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting now sitting

We of the Committee appointed to consider of the matter brought from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting respecting an equitable and reputable way to defray the expences of such Friends as shall accompany publick friends &c — We think it may be best that each Monthly Meeting appoint two or more suitable Friends whose care it shall be to see that such Friends as came amongst us on a Religious visit have suitable companions provided to accompany them when they leave our Quarter untill they get among Friends of another Quarter or otherwise as the circumstances may require, and that the Friends so appointed, may when necessary present an account of the expences to their respective Monthly Meetings; the Monthly Meeting allowing and approving the same said Meeting has liberty to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting or an Audit which they may appoint for their approbation and if approved the Treasurer be directed to reimburse said Monthly Meeting.

Jacob Mott
Jonathan Mowry
Thomas Hazard
Paul Greene
David Farnum
Daniel Anthony

Smithfield 8th mo 7. 1785.

which is adopted by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute to each monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the former Treasurer report that they have audited the same, and that they found in his hands the sum of £3,10,4 which they had received and delivered to the present Treasurer. who reports that agreeable to the direction of this Meeting last Quarter he hath paid to the yearly Meetings Treasurer the sum that this Meeting was deficient in supplying the yearly Meeting's Treasury, and not having money enough in his hands belonging to the Meeting had hired about the sum of £9, for that purpose which he is hereby directed repay out of this Meetings Stock.

This Meeting being informed by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, that a donation was left by Joseph Rotch Junr for the purpose of Building a Meeting House at Bedford, and that Wm Rotch his executor desires the concurrence of the Quarterly Meeting in the payment of said Legacy. Accordingly this Meeting having approved the building the Meeting House now Building at Bedford desires Wm Rotch to pay such donations as are left in his hands for that purpose to the Committee appointed by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting to build the same

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting also inform that such Subscriptions as Friends are free to make for the Building of the Meeting house at Bedford is now wanted to carry on the building of the same – Whereupon the Several Monthly Meetings are hereby directed to send such Subscriptions as they have or may be free to make for that purpoſe to the Committee appointed by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting to the care of building the same, and an account of said Subscriptions to this Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to each Monthly Meeting.

Transcripts of the Epistles from London Philadelphia & Long Island were read in this Meeting to our comfort and edification

This Meeting received Information from the yearly Meeting that they had confirmed the judgment of this Meeting in disowning of Weston Hicks an account of which is inserted in the communication to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting whose judgment this Meeting had confirmed.

The Committee appointed to make out the Transcripts and an eſsay of Epistle to the Monthly Meetings presented them, said eſsay being read, was approved and signed by the Clerk. And the Repreſentatives are desired to carry said Epistles to their reſpective Monthly Meetings

This Meeting concludes to raiſe the ſum of 70.0 pounds in order to supply this and the yearly Meetings Treasuries, and the several Monthly Meetings are desired to send it to this meetgs Treasurer their following proportions, and an accont thereof to this Meeting. viz. Rhode Island £16,10

South Kingstown	£7,15	Dartmouth	16,10
Accoaxet	8	Greenwich	9
Uxbridge	11	Smithfield	16,10
Providence	10,10	Swansey	10,5

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 13th of 10th Mo. 1785

The Meeting being Assembled, and the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented the Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island } Jacob Mott Robt Dennis Nathaniel Clark & Clark Rodman.

From { Dartmouth } Abiel Gifford Benjn Tabor Seth Huddlestone & John Howland.

Greenwich } John Reynolds, John Aisworth & Sylvester Wicks

Smithfield } Rufus Smith, Benjn peirce & Danl Allen

Swansey } Benjn Earl Adonijah Upton & Jonathan Chase 2nd

South Kingstown } John Congdon & George Hazar
Accoaxet } Ebenezer Eddy, Eber Davis, & Noah Gifford
Uxbridge } Antipas Earl, Joseph Batty, Oba-
Providence } Amasa Gray, Elisha Steer, Asa Arnold, & Rufus Smith,

who being called are all present except Danl Allen Noah Gifford, & Rufus Smith from Providence Mo. Meetg the reasons of the absence of Noah Gifford & Rufus Smith came to this meeting in writing which were satisfactory.

The Accounts abovementioned were read and the Queries and Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings. — — Robt. Dennis & Luil Wilkenson Jessaniah Barret Benjn. Earl John Reynolds John Howland and Saml. Smith are appointed to inspect said Accounts and Answers, and if there appears any thing necessary to communicate to said Mo. Meetg to make an essay of such matters and present to the adjournment of this Meeting.

The Womens Quarterly Meeting inform that the monthly Meeting of Rhode Island had appointed Dorcas Earl an Elder and that they approved thereof, and the — —

Mens Meeting of that place having certified their concurrence therewith, this Meeting after considering thereon approves of the same. — Jacob Mott is desired to acquaint the select Quarterly Meetg thereof. The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the Copies of such minutes as he was directed to by this meeting at last Quarter to the several Monthly Meetings. This Meeting adjourns to the 11th Hour to morrow.

14th day met by Adjournment.

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meetg held in London the 5th Mo 1785 was read, the seasonable counsel therein imparted we hope may prove to our advancement as it hath to our present edification. The Committee appointed to inspect the accounts and Answers to the Queries make report as follows. viz

To the Quarterly Meeting now sitting

Agreeable to our appointment we of the Committee have met, examined, and considered the accounts and Answers to the Queries brought from the Monthly Meetings, and altho' with sorrow we have to observe the many deficiencies still remaining yet as nothing appears of sufficient weight to as we apprehend to rest on our minds at present to communicate by way of Epistle to the Monthly Meetings as usual we have omitted it at this time.

John Howland Robt Dennis
14th of 10 Mo 1785 Jessaniah Barret Saml Smith
Benjn Earl. John Reynolds

Rhode Island in their account inform that they have sent £16,10 their proportion of the yearly and Quarterly Meetings Stock, and £5,9,4 towards building the Meeting House at Bedford and Providence Monthly Meeting that they have directed to be sent £10,10 their proportion of said Meetings Stock, and £3,19 towards building the Meeting House at Bedford,

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island the 12th of the 1st mo 1786 The Meeting being Assembled and the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented, — the Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island} Zacheus Chace Thos Robinson junr & Elisha Fish.
from
Dartmouth} Wm Gifford Benjn Chace & Joseph

- Austin.

Greenwich } John Reynolds & Sylvester Weeks

Smithfield } Robt. Wilkenson Nehemiah Sprague
& Danl. Allen.

Swansey } Caleb Earl Edward Shove & Danl. Crau Junr.

South Kingstown } Peter Hoxie John Knowles Junr.
& George Hazard,

Accoaxet } Philip Tripp David Russell & David
Deval.

Uxbridge } Wm. Basset Josiah Shove & James Smith

Providence } Jeremiah Harris Saml. Hills & Benjn.
Arnold

who being called are all present excepting John Reynolds, who sent a satisfactory reason in writing for his Absence.

The accounts were read and the Queries, and Answers thereto from all the monthly Meetings, a summary account whereof is as follows (viz) All Meetings on first days duly attended by Friends in general, but a deficiency in some in regard to a due attendance on other days of the week Love and Unity measurably Maintained, but not (a fully) in general as becomes Christ followers Our Testimony respecting plainness not so care

-fully attended to by all as truth requires — Friends genneraly careful respecting the use of Spirituous Liquors. The Poor relieved and assisted but not that attention paid to the Schooling of Poor Friends Children in some monthly Meetings as is incumbent on Friends. A want of due attention to our Discipline in a few monthly Meetings in regard to obtaining parental approbation previous to any procedure respecting Marriage. Our Testimony respecting Priests Wages gennerally maintained. A remissness in some Friends in all the Monthly Meetings in regard to inspecting their affairs &c. some care taken. Our Testimony faithfully maintained against Slavery — Not all so careful respecting their promisses &c as Truth requires some care taken. — Friends genrally careful to have all their Marriages duly recorded, but not so careful respecting Births Deaths &c — care measurably taken to deal with offenders agreeable to our Discipline and it appearing necessary to this meeting that some advices be sent down to said monthly Meetings, whereupon Sylvester Weeks Reuben Chace Joseph Austin Elisha Fish Thos Arnold, Edward Shove, James Smith Saml. Smith & Saml. Allen are appointed to make out an essay of such matters as hath been remarked upon in this Meeting, & such other matters as to them may appear necessary and present to the Adjournment of this meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in their account inform that they with the concurrence of their womens Meeting have appointed Sampson Shearman an Elder, which this meeting approves the Womens Quarterly Meeting concurring therewith — George Comstock is desired to acquaint the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

This Meeting is Adjourned to the 11th Hour to morrow.

13th day met by Adjournment.

The Representatives all present as was yesterday excepting some absent on the meetings service.

The Representatives inform that they have agreed on the reappointment of Wm Almy as Clerk for the year ensueing which being satisfactory to this Meetg he is reappointed accordingly.

The Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth inform that they have sent by their Representatives £6, 4, 7 and an account for hay expended at the Quarterly Meeting when held at that place which with £7, 5, 5 sent at last Quarter makes the sum of 16,10 their proportion of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings Stock.

And Greenwich Monthly Meeting that they have sent £5,15,4 to this Meeting's Treasurer which with the sum of £3,4,8 sent at last Quarter makes the sum of £9, their proportion of the Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Stock — And Uxbridge that they have sent £2,10,3 towards building the Meeting House at Bedford, and £2,1,3 towards repairing the Meeting House at Providence

The matter in the Account from Providence Monthly Meeting is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting. An essay of Epistle to the Monthly Meetings was presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose which being read is approved and by order of this Meeting signed by the Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 13th of 4th mo. 1756

The Meeting being Assembled and the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging presented the Representatives therein named are

From Rhode Island } Joseph Mitchel, David Greene & Benjn. Freeborn.

Dartmouth } James Davis, Thos. Ruſsell, & Saml. Smith

Greenwich } Danl. Howland, Thos. Aldrich, Amos Turner

Smithfield } George Arnold, George Smith, & Wm. Buffum.

Swanſey } Benjn. Slead, & Jonathan Chace 2nd

South Kingstown } George Hazard Peter Hoxie, & John Congdon,

Accoaxet } Eber Davis, & David Ruſsell,

Uxbridge } Danl. Caſs, Richd. Mowry, Royal Southwick, & Joſhua Aldrich,

Providence } Moſes Brown, Caleb Greene, & Augustus Lapham,

who being called are all preſent.

The accounts presented were read, and the Queries, and Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings. — Saml. Smith, Caleb Greene of Providence George Arnold, Robt. Dennis, Sylvester Weeks, Danl. Brayton, Royal Southwick, Benjn. Freeborn, & David Steere are appointed to collect the state of this Meeting in general Answers to the Queries, and prepare an account to the yearly Meeting, and an eſsay of Epistle to the Monthly Meetings as way may open, and preſent to the Adjournment of this meeting

The Meeting for Sufferings laid before this Meeting a Copy of a Minute of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting which they had received from said Monthly Meeting in consequence of their sending a Copy of a Minute of their Meeting desiring said Monthly Meeting to make proviſion for pasturing of Friends Horſes at the time of the Yearly Meeting as formerly the contents thereof being noticed by this Meeting.— Joseph Congdon Danl Howland, Thos Wilber, Jonathan chace 2d. Wm Buffum, Amaſa Gray, Israel Sabin Augustus Lapham, & Jonathan Mowry, are appointed to make an eſſay of a minute expreſsive of the mind of this Meeting as hath been manifested thereon, and preſent to the Adjournment of this Meeting. Adjourned to the 11th hour to morrow

Met by Adjournment.

The Repreſentatives all preſent—

The Repreſentatives being desired to agree upon and propoſe to this Meeting some Friend to serve as Treaſurer for the year enſuing,— they propoſing that Amaſa Gray be reappointed to that trust which is ſatisfactory to the Meeting and he is reappointed accordingly

It appearing by the accounts from Smithfield Swanſey South Kingstown, Accoaxet & Uxbridge

Monthly Meetings, that they have sent their proportions of this and the yearly Meeting's Stock viz Smithfiel £10,,10, Swanzey £10,,5 South Kingstown £7,,15 Accoaxet £,8 & Uxbridge £11 which with the other Monthly Meetings proportions heretofore sent make the sum of £100 concluded to be raised by this Meeting, and Smithfield Monthly Meeting also inform, that they have sent £2,,9,,10 the one half for the Building the Meeting House at Bedford and the other towards repairing the Meeting House at Providence

It having been represented by Providence Monthly Meeting in their Acct at Last Quarter that their Committee appointed to audit the accounts for Building the Addition to the Meeting House at Providence, reported that beside their Subscription of £137 for that purpose, there remains upwards of £75 Lawful Money which hath been advanced by said Committee and that, that Meeting was now called upon for the same and are not in a way at present to discharge the debt, which being considered by this Meeting — Providence Monthly Meeting is desired to continue their endeavours to discharge the Debt, and the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging are likewise desired to subscribe in their freedom towards making up the said deficiency, and send their subscriptions to said Providence Monthly Meeting and account thereof to this Meeting at next Quarter; and the Clerk

is directed to send a Copy of this Minute to each Month-
-ly Meeting A Certificate on behalf of Job Scott
from the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge dated 31st of 3d
Mo last was read in this Meeting, expressing that
he had Manifested to them a concern that attended
his mind to proceed on a Religious visit to Friends
of Long Island Quarterly Meeting and to Friends
belonging to the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania
and that they concurred with him therein, with
which this Meeting (as also the Womens Quarterly
Meeting concurs, and a few Lines expressive
thereof was endorsed on said Certificate and by
the direction of this Meeting signed by the Clerk.

General Answers to the Queries and an account
to the Yearly Meeting was presented by the Committee
appointed to prepare them, which being read and
some amendment made was approved & signed
by the Clerk and are directed to the Yearly Meeting
next ensuing by our Representatives who are
Isaac Lawton, John Casey, Sam Smith, Abner
Potter, Levi Hunt, John Knowles, Caleb Greene of Pro-
-vidence, James Davis, & David Buffum.

The Matter which is in the account from Dart-
-mouth Monthly Meeting is refer'd to next Quar-
-terly Meeting

The Committee appointed to prepare an Essay of a Minute in consequence of the Representation of the Meeting for Sufferings presented it which is adopted by this Meeting and is as follows viz

The Meeting for sufferings having informed this Meeting that they had taken into weighty consideration the subject of making provision for holding the next yearly Meeting, and that it was their sense that it would not be advisable to make such provision as hath been of late years, with which conclusion this Meeting was well satisfied, — they also inform'd us that they had desired Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to make such provision at the time of holding the Yearly Meeting for Pasturing of Horses as formerly, and to lay the expence thereof before the next yearly Meeting if they think fit which was also satisfactory to this Meeting. — The Meeting for sufferings also produced to this Meeting a Copy of a minute of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting respecting their proceedings in consequence of the above desire by which it appeared that their desire in regard to providing pasturing as above, hath not been complied with. — This Meeting taking the matter into weighty consideration, and being desirous that brotherly Love and Concord may be preserved throughout the Body, do tenderly advise the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island to comply with the desire of the Meeting for Sufferings in regard to provi-ding pasture for Horses as above, and if they think themselves burdened on that account to lay the matter before the next Yearly Meeting for their advice therein. and the Clerk is directed to Lay a Copy of this Minute before Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield uper Meeting House for Rhode Island the 13th of the 7th Mo. 1786 — The Meeting being Assembled, and the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings presented the Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island { Sampson Shearman, Edward Lx jun. Clark Rodman, & Sam.l Thurston

From { Darthmouth { Thos. Hicks, Giles Slocum, & Thos. Mott

Greenwich { John Langford Dan.l Howland jun.r & John Reynolds

Smithfield { Rufus Smith, Walter Allen, & Elisha Thornton,

Swansey { John Chace, Clarke Purinton & Benj.n Buffington

South Kingstown { Thos. Hazard jun.r & Peter Hoxie

Acoaxet { Jeremiah Austin Prince (Wing) & John Mosher

Uxbridge } Benedict Arnold David Wadsworth & James Smith.

Providence } Caleb Greene, Rufus Smith, & Saml Hills

Who being called are all present.

Our Friend Nicholas Waln attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia for the Southern district dated the 26 of 4th Mo. 1786, with a concurring Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia dated the 1st of 5th Mo. 1786

Also our Friend Peter Yarnall attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Warrington in Pennsylvania dated the 11th of 2nd Mo. 1786, with a Concurring Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting of Warrington & Fairfax dated the 20th of 3d Mo. 1786

Also our Friend Elisha Kirk attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Warrington in Pennsylvania dated the 11th of 1st 3d Mo. 1786 with a Certificate of Concurrence from the Quarterly Meeting of Warrington and Fairfax dated the 20th of 3d Mo. 1786 all expressing the Unity of their respective Meetings with them as Minister and that they concurred in their proceeding on a Religious visit to Friends in these parts.

The Monthly Meeting of Smithfield in their account inform that that Saml. Harkness hath appealed from their judgment, and he appearing at this Meeting to prosecute his said Appeal — Clarke Rodman, Edward Sisson, Paul Greene Moses Buffington, John Mosher Moses Brown & John Casey are appointed to hear and determine on said appeal and report to the Adjournment of this Meetg

The Queries were read and the Accounts and Answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings and some proper remarks upon the State of Friends suitably administered. — Wm. Buffum Smith Brown Saml. Thurston John Reynolds Reuben Chase Jeshanniah Barret are appointed to prepare an Essay of Communication to the several Monthly Meetings as way may open as also Certificates for our Friends abovementioned and present to the Adjournment of this Meeting

Sylvester Wicks Thos. Arnold John Lawton Jonathan Congdon, Benjn. Freeborn, Peleg Weeden James Smith Benjn. Earl, & Job Shearman, are appointed to make out the necessary Transcripts and present them to the Adjournment of this Meetg.

Adjourn'd to the 11th Hour to morrow.

Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives all present excepting one absent on a Committee and Caleb Greene who sent a satisfactory reason for his Absence

Joseph Mitchel having manifested to this Meeting a concern that rests on his mind to proceed on a religious Visit to Friends in Pennsylvania the Jerseys and parts adjacent as Truth may open the way; and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island held by Ad-journment the 6th of 7th mo. 1756 expressive of their unity with his concern and with his proceeding on the Visit aforesaid -- this Meeting taking the same into consideration, have unity with him therein, and the Womens Quarterly Meetg uniting therewith, a few Lines expressive thereof was endorsed on his said Certificate and by the direction of this Meeting Signed by the Clerk

The Committee upon the Appeal of Saml. Harkness produced what follows viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting now sitting

Esteemed Friends having had some conferrence with your Committee and considered of the matter of my appeal, conclude it best to drop the same and desire the same may be entered accordingly

I conclude your Friends

14 of 7th mo. 1756

Saml. Harkness

We of your Committee on the appeal of Saml. Harkness from a Judgment of Smithfield Monthly

- Meeting having attended to the matter, communicate the foregoing as our report in that case.   Signed on behalf of the Committee

by } Clarke Rodman

which is satisfactory to this Meeting and the same is dismiſs'd accordingly

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London Philadelphia & Long Island were read in this Meeting and were acceptable.

The Committee appointed to prepare something by way of Communication to the Monthly Meetings preſented an eſsay which being read, was approved and by the direction of the Meeting signed by the Clerk, — said Committee also preſented eſsays of Certificates for our Friends Nicholas Waln, Peter Yarnall, & Elisha Kirk, which being read was approved and by the direction of the Meeting signed by the Clerk.

- The Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge in their Account inform, that Dan:l Caſs hath laid before them a Concern that attends his mind to proceed on a Religious Visit to Friends belonging to the Yearly Meeting of New York government and he manifesting the like concern to this Meeting, and produced a Certifi-

-cate from said Uxbridge Meeting, dated 31st of 6 Mo. 1786 expreſsive of their approbation, to his proceeding on said Visit as Truth may open the way. This Meeting taking the ſame into consideration think best to refer it for further consideration to next Quarterly Meeting.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting was read in this Meeting and was acceptable, wherein is recommended to the Quarterly Meetings to appoint suitable Committees to Visit their respective Monthly Meetings for the services therein pointed out & the Appointing of a Committee in consequence thereof is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting

The Matters in the Account from Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting is refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting.

The Matter respecting the expences ariſing from the building of the Meeting Houſe at is again refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting as also all other matters before the Meeting.

This Meeting concludes to raiſe the ſum £63,,3 for the uſe of this and the Yearly Meeting and the several Monthly Meetings are deſired to send their following proportions to this Meeting's Treaſurer as soon as may be viz

and an account thereof to this Meetg at next Quarter.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting in their Account inform that they have sent £4, 19, towards defraying the expence of Building the Addition to the Meeting Houſe at Providence — and Accoaxet Monthly Meeting that they have sent £1, 0, 4 for the same purpoſe.

A Summary account of the Answers to the Queries which came to the Quarterly Meeting the 4th Mo: 1786 viz

All Meetings on first days duly attended by Friends gennerally one or two Instances excepted, yet a considerable deficiency in regard to a due attendance on other days of the week in most Monthly Meeting. — Love and Unity gennerally in a good degree maintained among Friends. — A considerable number are careful to bring up thoſe under their direction in plainneſs & yet much neglect appears in others on that account — Friends gennerally careful respecting the uſe of Spirituous Liquors

&c

— The Poor relieved and assisted, but not that attention paid to the schooling of poor Children in most Monthly Meetings as is there Queried after. — A disposition appears in most Parents and Guardians to observe that Query and some of the young and unmarried pay considerable attention thereto — Gennerally careful respecting Priest wages &c. — Some deficiency in all the Monthly Meetgs respecting timely setling their Accounts and making wills agreeable to that Query — Our Testimony against Slavery pretty faithfully maintained, tho not so careful to educate and encourage in Virtue those who have been held therein as Truth requires in some Instances. — Some deficiency respecting punctually performing promisses, and paying Just debts seasonably &c. of which some care is taken. — Marriage Certificates mostly recorded Birth Deaths & Burials much neglected, in regard to moving mostly careful. — A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders, and to place Judgmts agreeable to our Discipline.

A Summary Account of the Answers to the Queries sent to the Quarterly Meeting in 7th Mo. 1786 viz — All meetings

- duly attended one Instance excepted and mostly by the gennerality of Friends — Love and Unity gennerally preserved — our Testimony respecting plainness the disuse of Spirituous Liquors, Military matters and Slavery generally in a good degree maintained — And there appears a concern for the keeping up and maintaining our Discipline in most of its other branches.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 12th day of the 10th month 1786 .. The Meeting being Assembled And the Accounts From the Several Monthly meetings hereto belonging presented, The representatives therein Named Are. — — —

For Rhode Island John Williams Giles Lawton
And Zacheus Chace —
Dartmouth Abiel Gifford Caleb Russel and
John Deval. —
Smithfeild Robert Wilkinson Jonathan Mowry
Jabez Wing and Daniel Allin
Greenwich Paul Green James Congdon Daniel Howland Jr
Swansey Adonijah Upton Benjamin Buffington
And Daniel Brayton
South Kingston Thomas Wilbour William Knowls
and Peleg Peckham —
Acoaxet Stephen Buffington Abner Potter
And William Wilbur

For Uxbridge Daniel Caſs John Walker and
Stephen Sweat.

For Providence Joseph Farnum Oziel Wilkinson
And Benjamin Arnold.

Who Being Called are all Present.

Our Friend Thomas Colley attended this Meeting And Produced A Certificate From the Monthly Meeting of Balby held at Sheffield in the County of York Dated the 10th of ye 3 m 1785 With A Concurring Certificate From the Quarterly Meeting of York held at York the 30th and 31st of the 3 month 1785, and a Certificate from the yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London by ajournments from the 14 of 5 mo 1785 To the 23 of the Same Inclusive, all Expreſsing their Unity with him as a minister, and Concurred in his proceeding on a Religious visit to Friends in these parts,

The Queries ware read and the answers thereto from all the monthly meetings, a Summary acount whereof is as follows viz All meetings have been duly attended except one on one day in which Case Care is taken, and those on first days by the generality of Friends, but those on other days of the week not so generally attended in Some monthly meetings in Some of which Care is taken, That Love and Unity is measurable preserved, and that our Testemony respecting plaineſs, the disuse of Spiritous Liquors melitary matters, and Slavery is generally maintained, tho' not without Some Exceptions, perticularly respecting Spiritious Liquors, and that a Care in good measure presides among Friends for the maintainance of our Discepline in most of its other Branches, —

And Daniel Brayton, Ozial Wilkeson, Mathias Earl, Robert Wilkeson, Abial Gifford Sylvester Wickes, Benjamin Freeborn, John Williams are appointed to reinspect Said answers and to mak out an Esay of Such matters to communicate to Said meetings as to them may appear necessary, and present to an ajournment of this meeting, and also to prepare an Esay of a Certificate for our friend Thomas Colley &c

This meeting ajourns to the 11th hour To morrow, —

13th Day Met by ajournment

The Representatives being Called are all present except Some on a Committee.

The monthly meeting of Smithfield having Recommended Elisha Thornton as a Minister this meeting after Deliberateing thereon Concur with Said Recommendation, the womens Quarterly meeting also Concurring therewith, and John Casey is appointed to acquaint the Select Quarterly meeting thereof,

The appointment of a Committee in Consequen of the Recommendation of the yearly meeting Coming again before the meeting, Sampson Shearman, Ozial Wilkeson, Moses Brown, Benjamin Arnold, Thomas Willbour, John Casey, Abial Gifford

Abial Gifford John Chase and Ebor Davis are appointed to visit the Several monthly meetings hereto belonging, and Labour from time to time and afford them Such advice Counsel and assistance, as they by the Truth may be abilitated, for their help, having special attention as the yearly meeting in their Epistle have Recommended to Such as are deficent in attending our Religious meetings, boath for worship and Disipline, also the orderly Education of Children which the Truth Requires, and likewise where there appears any breach of Love and Unity, which are the fruites of the flesh and of a Carnel mind, as Love is the fruits of the Spirit, in these perticulars which the yearly meeting in their Epistle have pointed out, to which they are refared; with Such other matters as to them may appear necesary, or with Indeviduals as occation may Require and report an account ~~to this~~ of their proceedings to this meeting next fourth month, ——

The monthly meeting of RhodIsland having represented to this meeting in their account to Last Quarter, that the State of the perticular meeting of Tiverton is Such, as to render it necessary for Some assistence to be afforded them, Whereupon the Committee above appointed are desired to take their Case into Consideration, and afford them Such assistance as they may be enabled, & Report an account of their proceedings therein to the time above prefixed. ——

This meeting upon Resumeing the Consideration of granting a Certificate to Daniel Cass in concurance with the Certificate produced by him at our last Quarter, are free that a Certificate of Concurrance Should be granted him, accordingly an endorsment on his Said Certificate expressive of our Sympathy with & Concurrane in his proceeding on the Religious visit for which his Said Certificate was granted was entered thereon and by order of this meeting Sighned by the Clerk, ——

An essay of a Certificate for our Friend Thomas Colley was presented by the Committee who had the Care of preparing it. which being approved by this meeting was Sighned by the Clerk, ——

John Howland Robert Wilkeson Sylvester Wickes Asa Shove William Willbour Andrew Nichols Zackus Chace Johnathan Arnold and Antapas Earl are appointed to take Into Consideration the Reasons assighned by the monthly meeting of Rhode Island at last Quarter for their non Compliance with the Recommendation of this meeting in the 4mo Last, and if the Reasons assighned are dissatisfactory to them, to Confer with Said monthly meeting, respecting the Same, and Report according to their Sense and Judgment in that Case, and also to Inspect the account of monie advanced by Said monthly meeting mentioned in their Communication to this Quarter, with a Similer account in the Communication from South Kingstown monthly meeting and ajust them in Equity and also to report what method would be best to adopt for such accounts to be exhibited in in future, and report their proceedings to this meeting at next first month.

An Esay of an Epistle to the Several monthly meetings Copies of which was presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose, which after being read was approved and a Sufficent number of Copies thereof for Said meetings, was by order of this meeting Sighned by the Clerk and Sent to them accordingly, —

The monthly meeting of Darthmouth haveing heretofore Represented to this meeting that the Expence of bulding the meeting hous at Bedford amounted to £369. 6. 3½ and that they had Collected £307. 10. 3d towards defraying the same and that thear remained £62. 6. 7 yet unpaid, Whereupon Said monthly meeting is desired to ~~contribute~~ Continue their endevours to discharge the remaining Sum, The Several monthly meetings are likewise desired to Contribute in their freedom towards making up Said defficentey and send up their Subscriptions to to Said Darthmouth monthly meeting, and an account thereof to next Quarter, and the Clerk is Directed to send a coppy of this minute to each monthly meeting, —

Providence in their account to last Quarter inform that they have raised their Subscriptions to £200 and that they had Directed their Treasurer to give his Security on Interest for the defficient Sum it being — £105,, 8. 7¾ —

Rhode Island & Providence monthly meetings inform that they have sent their proportions of the yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock viz Rhode Island £10-8 Providence £6. 12. 5.

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Swansey for Rhode Island the 11 Day of the first month - 1787 - The meeting being aſsembled the Representatives from the several monthly mee -ings hereto belonging as by their accounts presen are, —

For Rhode Island	Robert Dennis Benjami Freeborn & Edward Siſson
Darthmouth	Abial Gifford, Samuel Smith, and William Anthony Jur
Greenwich	John Reynolds, John Casey and Daniel Howland Junr
Smithfield	George Smith Benedict Remington and David mowry
Swansey	Nathan Chase, Benjamin Earl and Caleb Earl,
South Kingstown	William Knowles son of John and Joseph Collins,
Acoxet —	Isaac Sowl Ebnezer Eddy, and David Wood,
Uxbrige —	Daniel Aldrdge Benedict Arnold and Jesemiah Barret,
Providence	Amasa Gray, Reuben Blancher and Rufus Smith,

Who being Called are all present except Abial Gifford and, Benedict Arnold, The acounts ware Read and the Queries and Answers thereto From all the monthly meetings, —

The appointment of a Clerk and all matters which lies upon the Table and have not been acted upon in this meeting are refared to next Quarterly meeting.

There not being any thing before the meeting Suficen to be acted upon at this time to make an ajournment necessary —

The printed General Epistle from the Last Yearly Meeting of our Friends and Bretheren in London was Read in this meeting to our Satisfaction and edification, ——

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhod Island the 12th Day of 4 mo 1787, —— The meeting being asembled and the acounts from the Several monthly meetings presented the Representatives therein named are, ——

For Rhode Island { David Greene, Isaac Lawton, & Gould Marsh

Darthmouth { William Anthony Jr, Caleb Barker, and Cornelius Howland,

Greenwich { Sylvester Wikes, John Langford, and Daniel Greene,

Smithfield { George Comstock, Benjamin Pirce and David Mowry,

Swansey { Levi Hunt, William Lawton, & Robert Slead,

South Kingston — George Hazard, & John Congdon,

Acoaxet { William Willbour Ebnezer Eddy & Abial ~~fitt~~ Macomber,

Uxbrige — William Basset Job Scott & Royal Southwick

Providence — Caleb Greene, Benjamin Smith, & Elisha Steer. Who being Caled are all present, The Queries ware Read and the answers thereto from all the monthly meetings, and Sylvester Wikes, Benjamin Freeborn Amasa Gray Robert Slaid, and William Almy are appointed to Collect the State of this meeting in General answers to the Queries, and to prepare an account to the yearly meeting, and present to the ajournment of this meeting, —

The Committee appointed in Consequence of the recommendation of the yearly meeting, and who was also appointed to take the Case of the perticular meeting at Tiverton, into Consideration, in Consequence of a Representation, of their State to this meeting by Rhode Island monthly Meeting, Report in Writeing as follows, Viz Agreeable to appointment the monthly meeting of Rhode Isl. and has been Vissited their Committee Confared with and Tiverton meeting attended by most of the Committee, to whom it appeared that a Solid Committee to be appointed by that monthly meeting, to attend Tiverton meeting and encourage friends there, in a lively Concern to hold their meetings in the authority and for the honour of Truth, would be the most likely way for their assistance, in Connecting them more Closely to the Lively part of friends on Rhode Island, which is Submitted to the Quarterly meeting, to Recommend to that monthly meeting, to whom the Committee they appoint Should mak Report Quarterly or as often as may appear necessary. — We have also to Inform you that most of the other monthly meetings has been visited by part of the Committee
4 mo 12 — Sighned in behalf of the Committee
1787 — By — Benjamin Arnold Samson Shearman

Which is accepted, and the monthly meeting of Rhode Islan is Desired to appoint a Committee agreeable to the proposition Contained in Said Report, and this meetings Committee is Still Continued to accomplish what is remaining of visiting the monthly meetings herto belonging and Report to next Quarterly meeting, and the Clerk is Directed furnish Said meeting with a Coppy of this minute,

The meeting for Sufferings having laid before this meeting the following minute, viz —

at a meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich for New England the 11th of 4mo 1787

The making provition for hors pasture during the Sitting of the Yearly meeting, Coming under Consideration, and this meeting not haveing Succeded in our Request to Rhode Island monthly meeting last Year, of making provition as formerly, and as Circumstances appears there is not a prospect of Such an appliation Succeding at this time, we think it best, to Recommend the Subject to the pertiular attention of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, and to Desire them to make the necesary provition for hors keeping during the next Yearly meeting.

and also to Endevour to have the Case of the Lott heretofor used for that purpose looked into, Stated and Settled with Rhode Island monthly meeting, or have the Same laid before the Yearly meeting, in order that the diversity of Sentements Respecting the right to the use of Said Lott be removed by a Settlement thereof, by Some Sutable friends abroad, or otherwise as best wisdom may Direct, and the is directed to lay a a Coppy of this minute

Before Rhoda Island Quarterly meeting to morrow.

Coppy Extracted By Moses Brown Clerk at this (time

In Consequence of which we appoint, Johnathan Arnold, Amos Collins, Daniel Anthony, John Raynolds and Asa Shove, to take Said Recommendation into Consideration and Report what in their Sense and Judgment will be best for this meeting to do in that matter at the ajournment to morrow

This meeting ajourns to the 11th hour tomorrow

13 Day met by ajournment

The Representatives being Called are all present

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed being Expired, and the nomination of one Comming under the Care of the Representatives they proposeing that Sylvester Wickes be appointed Clerk for the year ensuing, which is approved by this meeting and he is appointed accordingly,

our Friend Job Scott having Returned from his Religious visit, for which he had a Concurring Certificate from this meeting in the 7th mo last, Produced a Certificate from the General Spring meeting of ministers and Elders, held in philadelphia for pensailvania, New Jersey &c by ajournments from the 24th To the 26th of the 3rd mo 1787 Inclusive, from which it appears that his labours of Love heath been to the Edfiation, and Comfort, of friends in those parts.

The Committee to whome the accounts from South-Kingston and Rhoda Island monthly meetings was

Refared

Regard, Report that they think it best that it Should be paid, which is accepted, and the Treasurer of this meeting is Directed to pay them accordingly —

The Committee appointed to prepare General answers to the Queries from those Sent up by the Several monthly meet, and an account to the Yearly meeting presented them, which after Some amendments was adopted and the Clerk is Directed to Sighn them in behalf of this meeting, and Send them up by our Representatives, who are, Jacob Mott, John Casey, Levi Hunt, Andrew Nichols, Abner Potter, Job Scott, and Caleb Greene,

The Committee appointed to Consider the Reasons Sent to the Quarterly meeting by Rhode Island monthly meeting ~~in the~~ for their noncompliance with the Recommendations of that meeting in the 4mo–1786, Report, that they have attended to their appointment, and finding the Reasons Dissatisfactory have most of us, Conferred with Rhode Island monthly meeting, and it is our Judgment all Circumstances Considered, that further Labour being Extended toward that monthly meeting for the Reasones they Sent up to the Quarterly meeting in the 7mo last will not be usefull, Andrew Nichols, Johnathan Arnold Antipas Earle, William Willbour, [illegible] Robert Wilkeson, Sylvester Wickes, Zacheus Chace, Asa Shove, —

It appears from the accounts that the Several monthly meetings have Sent up their proportions of the Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock

The Treasurer of this meeting is Directed to pay the yearly meetings Treasurer, this meetings proportion of the of the yearly meeting Stock,

The Comittee appointed yesterday to consider what may be best to do Respecting the Recomdation from the meeting for Sufferings ~~Respecting~~ in Regard to pasturing Friends horses at the yearly meeing time, made Report in writeing which not being adopted, and as no way opened for this meeting to usefully endevour to Settle the matter with the monthly meeting of Rhode Island respecting the Lott ussally appropriated for the use of Friends Horsses at the yearly meeting time, think best to refar the Same to the yearly meeting, as a matter necessary for them to take Cognisence off, in Such manner as they in wisdom may See meet, in order that the right use of it may be Justly aserlained, and the Clerk is Directed to furnish the monthly of Rhode Island with a Coppy of this minute, in order that they may be aiquainted with the Same, and Said monthly meeting is desired to provide pasturage for Friends horses at the yearly meeting time, and to lay an amount of the expene before this meeting, as we mean not to enter into Judgment in this Case

So we would not have the paying the expence for
the present year, to be Considered as a relinquishm-
-ent of any right that the yearly meeting may
have to the use of Said Lott, and the Clark is dire-
-cted to Lay a Coppy of this minute also before
the yearly meeting; Sylvester Wilkes Clerk

7/1787

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield
upper meeting hous the 12 Day of 7 mo 1787

By accounts Received from the Several monthly
meetings hereto belonging, the Representatives their
names are.

for RhodeIsland { John Hadwin, Samson Shearmon, and Johnathan Greene,
- Darthmouth { William Anthony Jur Johnathan Heart, & Thomas Mott,
Greenwich - { John Casey John Raynolds, and Sylvester Wilkes,
Smithfield — { Rufus Smith, George Arnold, and William Buffum,
Swansey — { Clark Purington John Chace, and Joſeph Shove, —
Southkingston { Joſeph Collins, Geoge Hazzard & Robert Knowls,
Acoxet — { William Willbour, Obediah Moſer, & David Ruſsel,
Uxbrige - { Johnathan Farnum Job Scott, ~~and Augustus Lapham~~, Daniel Aldrick Richard Mowry
Providence { Benjamin Smith Joſeph Baſset and Augustus Lapham, — Who

Who being Called are all present Except John Raynolds, and Joseph Shove, who are absent thro' Indesposition of Boddy as they Informed in Writeing,

The Queries, and Answers from the Several monthly meetings was read is this, and Some Sutable Remarks made on the Deficienties therein mentiond, Whareupon William Buffum, William Almy, David Mowry, Augustus Lapham Samuel Thurston, George Arnold, and Josiah Shove are appointed to Reconsider Said Answers, and make an Esay of an Epistle or an account to the Several monthly meetings as way may open, and also to make out Transcripts of the London Rhode Island Philadelphia and Long Island Epistles, and present to an ajournment of this meeting;

a Sumary of the fore mentioned Answers Comprehending a breif account of the State of this meeting are as follows,

It appears that meetings for worship and Desipline, have been all kept up Since last quarter except in one Instance those on first Dayes attended by the greater part of friends, midle weeke meetings Generally Small, mostly Clear of Indesiences except a Drowsy Disposition,

friends Generally dwell togather in harmony but Short of that Cordial love which is most esential in the followers of Christ, and in those of our high and holy profession, Care generally taken in Cases of Differences.

a Considerable numbe in Society appear to be Concerned to bring up those under their Care in plaineſs and to be Eaxamplary themselvs, the holy Siriptures considrable read, but not mutch in Solid retirement with families conveaned,

Friends Generally Carefull to avoid the unnesary use of Spiritous Liquors, a good Degree of moderation at births &c,

Care generaly taken of poor friends and their Children,

Friends maintain their Testemony in respect to priests wagers melitary matters, &c except in one or two answers Some Defuency appears.

a Shortneſs in inspecting and Setleing accounts, and in making wills, Publick gifts Duly applied,

a pretty good Testemony maintain in the matter of Slavery and Friends all Clear of holding Slaves themselves,

Some Shortneſs in performing promeses and paying Debts, and a few Launch into buſineſs beyond their abilities to manage, Marriages Generally recorded but a Shortneſs in Recording Births Deaths &c Cases of Removel mostly attended to,

There appears to be a Remnent in all the monthly meeting Concerned of Reguler and timely Dealing with offender agreeable to Disipline.

Darthmouth monthly in their acount inform,
that they have appointed Benjamin Tabor,
and Deborah Davis, to the Station of Elders, which
after waitily Considering, this meeting approv
having the Unity of the Womens meeting herein
and George Comstock is Desired inform the
Select meeting thereof,

This meeting ajourns to the Eleventh hour
to morrow, —

13 Day met by ajournment,

The Representatives being Called are all
present as yesterday

A Testemony from the monthly meeting of
Rhode Island Concerning our Beloved Friend
Joseph Mitchel Deceased, having Read waighty
Considered the Same is approved, and is to go
up to the yearly meeting.

and as it appears a further Testemony from
this meeting Concerning our friend above
mentioned, would be usefull, — Job Scott
Thomas Arnold Mosses Brown and David
Buffum, are appointed to prepare an Essay
and bring to our nex Quarterly meeting
if way opens, —

The monthly meeting of Uxbrige in their
acount Inform, that they think an addition
is wanting to the meeting hous at Liester
or a new one bult, Whereupon Augustus
Lapham Ananias Mowry Elisha Steer

William Willbour and William Anthony Jr are appointed a Committee, to visit Lister perticular meeting, Confer with Uxbrige monthly meeting, and Report to next Quarter, What in their Judgment is best to be Don in that matter,

The Committee appointed to prepare an Esay of an acount to the monthly meetings presented one which being Read and Considerd is approvd and the Committee with the assistence of the Clerk is Desired to makeout a Sufisient number of Copies for each monthly meeting and Send them Forward, Said Committee presented Transcripts of the Epistles above mentiond, that from Rhode Island is as follows,

From our Yearly meeting of Friends held at Rhode Island, for New England by ajournment from the 8th of the 6mo to 13 of the Same Inclusive 1787 — To the Several Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging,

Dear Friends

We have duly Receivd your Several Communications, togather with answers to the Queries, and our minds have been Deeply affected, in observeing that notwithstanding the repeted Labours, and advices, that have been from time to time communiated to you, there are Still remaiing many under our name whose Life is So far from being circumscribed by the Truth, we profess, as to give way to those things that not only unfits them for the immediate Service of, and usefullness in the Church, but also exposes them to the inundations of folly, and vice, Whereby their minds are alienated from the principles of Piety and virtue, the certin Consequences of which if not Seasonably reformed are everlasting Confusion and ruin, under these humbling considerations, we affectionately entreat Such to Suffer not their minds to be so easily drawn aside, and given up to the Influance of the adversary of our Immortal Souls, But place your Confidence in the Arm of Devine power, waiting for his ablity to Qualify your minds, and fit them for the Reception of his holy word, which alone can prepare the heart, for the right Improvement of his Heavenly menifestation greaciously administerd to every one; as this is duly attended to with an Intire resignation to his will, an increas of Strength will be witnessed, and your minds will be Promoted to every good word and work,

And may you of the beloved youth, while your minds are yet Tender, and Susceptable of easy Impresions, give up your Hearts to follow him, who heath declared "that his yoak is easy and his Burdin light" Remembering that an early Sacrifice is the most acceptable in his sight,

Let not the flattering allurements and Delusive enjoyments of this present world, which endure but for a moment, induce you to Neglect

The Heavenly visitations of Devine Love, which are mercifully Extended unto you, be intreated to feel after it, and wait for it, that thereby you may witness a growth and advancement in the Truth, and come up in faithfull obediance "to the help of the Lord against the mighty"

And may you Dear Friends whose minds are exercised with an acceptable Zeal for the maintainance of good order in the Church, be encouraged to dwell Low and Humble in your minds, getting Down to the Life that aught to be attended to in the maintainance of our Christian Testemony, dwel in it keep near to it, so will the work prosper in your hands, and you will be enabled to maintain a Constant watch over the Heritage and become more usefull examples to the flock

We have at this time felt a concern that Friends may all be preserved, from these allureing and ensnaring insinuations (which under pretence of greater usefullness) Induce Some to accept of offices of honour or profit in outward government, and haveing been fully Satisfied that accepting thereof will very much unfit for usefullness in of Religious Society, that we tenderly advise all Friends to be Cautious, how they appoint any of our members into Society Services or accept of

Appointments by them made who fill such Stations in Government, and that all be wisely submiting to the Croſs in declineing such Stations,

And dear Friends as it is now a time wherein the minds of ~~many~~ many are much unsettled and agitated with various commotions of outward things, we earnestly exhort all in Religious Fellowship with us, to keep their minds free from the Confutions of the times, by no means uniteing in them, nor give any encouragement to them by any Conduct of yours as we apprehend it would be very hurtfull to all who should give way thereto, Reproachfull to Society and injurious to the Caus of Truth. haveing ever in remembrance the Sacred Injunctions to Isreal of old, "that they dwel alone" herein is our Safety and herein Shall we experience that preservation that is as an Hedge round about us,

Some exercise has attended this meeting on account of Friends Importing or dealing in Spiritious Liquors and the Several Quarterly and monthly meetings are Desired Solidly to read and attend to the advice in the Book of Discipline page 133 or that Subject, and to Labour in tenderneſs with Such of their members as do import. or deal in them in order to Draw them therefrom, also it is advised that the Two paragraphs under the head

Civil Government relateing to the payment of Duties &c page 16 and 17, be also read and Friends Stired up to Faithfullness therein,

We observe that agreeable to our Recommendation last year, you have appointed Committees to visit your Respective monthly meetings, and Desire you to Continue your Care in that matter untill the end purposed by their appointment be accomplished, and that an account thereof be sent to this meeting next year,

Sighned in and on Behalf of Said Yearly
Meeting By William Almy Clerk
this year

The Committee appointed to visit the monthly meetings Report, that they have not don any thing in that matter since last Quarter, Said Committee are Continued to Compleat that Service and Report their proceeding to next Quarter,

Rhode Island monthly meeting have Sent an account of the expence of pastureing Friends Horses at the yearly meeting time, the amount of which is £4. 14. which is approved, and the monthly meeting of Rhode Island are Desired to Call on the Yearly meetings Treasurer for the Same, agreeable to a minute of the yearly meeting, and the ~~monthly~~ Clerk is Directed to furnish Rhode Island monthly meeting with a Coppy of this minute, The fore going Epistle from Rhode Island yearly meeting, also Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meeting of London held in the 6 mo 1786 from Philidelphia held in the 9 mo 1786 from Long Island held in the 5 mo 1787 all which was Read is this meeting to our Edifiation and Comfort, —

The Clerk Reported that the Extracts which this meeting Directed to be layed before the yearly meeting, and the monthly meeting of Rhode Island was don in Consequence of which this meeting Received the following Conclution of the yearly meeting upon the Subject of the Lott usely apropriated to the pastureing of friends Horses at the yearly meeting time Viz

We your Committee on general Servisees, have paid waighty attention to the Case from Rhode Island Quarter, and although the first oppertunity upon it was attended with some exercising Curcumstances, yet through Superior aſsistance, we have we trust weaighed the important matter in a good degree in the True balance, and are unanimouſly agreed, That there was a Legesy left by the will of a Certin Friend, many years past to wit William Edwards, to Friends on Rhode Island, and that from the will the Conduct of the Executors, and Several Subsequant papers

of Convayance, and the Constant Conduct of
RhodeIsland monthly meeting for many years
the right of appropration was in Said meeting
and that Certin persons ware appointed in
Trust to have a Relegious Care of Said Interest, that
it was ment to be Conducted by Such as was
liveing members of the body of Christ the
True and visible Church, and that it has
from time to time, for many years been in
a good degree appropriated according to the
originel intentions by Such as we believe
ware at first well sensible of the Intention,
and by Such as have Sine that time been
made aquainted therewith, that the first Deed
given in the Case vested the whole disposel of
the Estate in the mens meeting of RhodeIsland
for their use, and that of the whole body by
them owned, and was Intended to desend to their
Successors in the Same faith, that Some Scruple
arising whether the fee of Said Estate being
vasted in the meeting as a body, might not
lay it liable to be vasted from Society by thee
Statute of Mort Main; that hence the Land
as it had now got into land, was Reconvayed
to the person who gave the first Deed, in order to
take another Deed, Secureing it to Certin persons
as Trustees, tho not mentioned in the Deed as
Such; that at the first Institution of this form
of Deeds bonds was taken, of the Trustees—

To Secure the Interest to the meeting, that afterwards Such Confidance was placed in the Trustees that they would Inviolably preserve and render the right of Society, that Bonds ware not taken,

That the Trustees, have from time to time till of late constantly, and repetedly, applyed to and Received the monthly meetings, Directions in regard to the Conducting and Desposing of Said Interest — That it is Clear and evident that the persons in Trust, to whom the Last Deed was given, ware really Intended as a barrer to prevent Desineing men (who might as it was feared, Take advantage of the above mentioned Statue) from wresting the Estate from the meeting, that they are ever bound in equity and ought in all good Contiance to be under the advisement and Direction of Rhode Island monthly meeting, in regard to the appropriation of the whole Interest, as well as under the Speatial influance of that Spirit which Connects and guides the living body, of the Church; and that Rhode-Island monthly meeting ought to Seek for and Dwell under the Same holy influance, and See to the Discharge of their Trust in the appropriation of Said Interest according to the origonel Intention of the Exeutors who we believe to have been well acquainted with the Intention of the Donor, Whose mind we have much reason to belive was well influanced in the disposition of his Estate and governd by extensive good will to Society and the Caus of Truth, and finally we think best for the waight of the matter to rest on Rhode Island monthly meeting, who ought to be the ~~persons~~ proper Judges whether the appropriation has of late been altogather according to the origonel deighn, as examplyfied by the first Deed, and the Conduct of friends for many years afterwards, —

We also propose that the Yearly meeting order the Treasurer to pay the last and present years Expence of pastureing for Friends Horses at the time of our yearly meeting, and think it will be well to hold the next yearly meeting at this place, and that Rhode Island monthly meeting be desired to provide hors keeping at that time at the yearly meetings expence all which we Submit to the meeting, —

Signed by order and on behalf of the
Committee by - Isaac Lawton

Which is accepted and the Conclution and proposition of Said Committee adopted by this meeting, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the Expence of hors keeping for the Last and present year as proposed by Said Committee and the monthly meeting of Rhode Island is desired to provid ~~horskeeping~~

pasture for Friends horses at the ~~yearly meeting~~ time of our next yearly meeting, at this meetings expence.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting held on Rhode Island by by ajournments from the 8th of 6mo to 13 of the Same 1787 Inclusive

by William Almy Clerk this year

The Quarterly meeting Records and papers have not as yet been Shifted from the Former to the present Clerk. John Casey and Isaac Lawton are appointed for that Service and Report to this meeting when accomplish

This meeting concludes to rais £21-5-0 which in adition to £28-15 This meetings proportion of the yearly meetings stock makes the Sum of £50- of which the Representatives from the Several monthly meeting agree for the meetings they Represent, to rais the following proportions viz —

Darthmouth	£8,8,0
Rhode Island	8,8,0
~~Greenwich~~	4-8-0
Swansey	5-1-0
South Kingston	3-18-0
Acconet	4-0-0
Uxbrige	6-1-0
Smithfield	4-6-0
Providence	5-10-0
	£50-0-0

an Epistle from the preceeding Quarterly meeting held at Smithfield the 12 & 13 of 6mo 1787

To the several monthly meetings hereto belonging

Dear Friends We Received accounts with answers to the Queries from all the monthly meetings, and herewith send you, the Epistle of our last yearly meeting, with Transcripts of the London Philadelphia and Longisland Epistles, and Desire your practial observance of the seasonable advices Contained in them, that there may be an amendment in those Deficiencies that so afflictingly appear by your Communications,

Salem Quarterly meeting having proposed to the yearly meeting, that their meeting held at Seabrook (formerly hamton) be held the 7th Day before the fourth first Day in the 1 mo and that at Dover the 7th Day before the 4th first Day in the 10 mo which being agreed to by said meeting. Said alteration you are Desired to insert in your respective books of Discipline, under the head Quarterly meetings agreeable to the Desire of the yearly meeting.

This meeting continues to Rais £50 for the use of this and the yearly meeting

Sighned in behalf and by Direction of said meeting

By Sylvester Weeks Clerk

10 mo
1787

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Darthmouth for Rhode Island the 11 Day of 10 mo 1787

By accounts Received from the monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are,

for Rhode Island { Edward Sisson Johnathan Greene & Samuel Thurston
Darthmouth { Joseph Tucker Jr Benjamin Tabor and John Devol
Greenwich { Daniel Howland Jr & John Aylsworth
Smithfield { Chad Smith Annanias Mowry and Benedict Remington,
Swansey { Benjamin Buffington Daniel Brayton Adonijah Upton,
South Kingston { Joseph Collins & William Knowls
Acoxet — { Ebor Davis David Irish and Noah Gifford,
Uxbrige { Peter Aldrich Job Scott John Walker
Providence { Asa Arnold Daniel Anthony and Moses Brown,
who being Called are all present

The Queries with answers from all the monthly meetings except the 7th answer from South Kingstown, (which appears to be an omition in the Clerk in Transcribeing) ware read in this, the many Sutable remarks mad on the defficientsyes of Society we hope may prove usefull to us, and Johnathan Greene, Thomas Arnold, John Howland William Almy Ozial Wilkeson Sylvester Wickes & Job Shearmon, are appointed to reconsider Said Answers and make an account or an Epistle to the Several monthly meetings as way may open, and bring to the ajournment of this meeting,

Darthmouth monthly meeting Inform that they have raisd and sent up to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer £8. 8 thier proportion of the yearly and Quarterly meeting Stock Smithfield Inform that they have ~~sent~~ raisd £4. 6. their proportion of the above Said Stock and appropriated it to the Defraying the last Quarterly meetings expence, Greenwich Inform that they have raisd £3. 4. 2½ part of which is appropriated to the Defraying the Quarterly meetings Expence in the 4mo last,

This meeting ajourns to the 11 hour to morrow

12 Day met according to ajournment,

The Representatives being Called are all present except one on a Committee

The monthly meeting of Rhode Island in their account inform that the publick Testemony of Pelig Almy is approvd with the Uinity of the womens meeting, which after waightly Considering this meeting think best to Refar to our next Quarterly meeting.

Acoxet monthly meeting in their account likewis Inform, that the Publick Testemony of Stephen Buffinton is approve with the Concurance of the women meeting, which after waity Consideration had on the matter is refard to next Quarterly meeting.

The Comittee appointed to Consider of the matter from uxbrige Respecting building a meeting hous

at Lister Report in writeing as follows, viz "that
"haveing attended Said at Lister, with a Committee appo-
"inted by Uxbrige monthly meeting, and after a Due
"Consideration of the Circumstances attending that
"matter, it is our Sence and Judgment that Said
"monthly meeting proceed to build a hous, of Twenty
"Six feet by Thirty and fifteen feet post, the Cost
"of which being Computed to about one hundred
"pounds, all which we Submit to the Quarterly meet,
Smithfield the 1st of 9mo 1787,

William willbour, William Anthony
Elisha Steere Ananias, Mowry Jur,
Augustus Lapham,

which is accepted and the monthly meeting of Uxbrige are left at Liberty to proceed in that matter, and also to rais the higth of the hous as that monthly meeting may Judge most convenient, —

The Committee appointed 10mo last to visit the Several monthly meeting Report in writeing as follows viz That all the monthly meetings hath visited by Some, tho' not all of us and Labour hath been bestowed according to ability

Sighned in behalf of the Comt by John Casey
Darthmouth the 11 of 10mo 1787

which is accepted and Said Committee are Desmised from that Service.

The monthly meeting of Darthmouth in their account, have Desired, the advice of this meeting with Respect to Repairing the meeting hous at Ponegansett where the monthly and Quarterly meetin meetings are now held, or the Bulding a New one Whereupon, Robert Denis Rufus Smith William Willbour Robert Slaid Rufus Smith and Johnathan Greene are appointed, to Confar with Darthmouth monthly meeting, Inspect the hous, and Report What in their Sence and Judgment is best to be don in that matter,

The Comittee appointed to Reconsider the answers from the monthly meetings, and Report and account or an Epistle to the Several monthly meetings presented one, wich after Some erasments is approved and the Clerk as Derected has Sighned the Same in behalf of this meeting which is as follows viz

Dear Friends

We have Received accounts from all the monthly meetings, with answers to the Queries Which have been read and Considered in this meeting — We do not see any usefullness likely to arise from mentioning the Deficiencies in General, most of which have been often noted,

But we have to Request your attention to our antiant testemony against war, and the payment of Such Demands as may be or have been made in lieu of Servicees therein, or Wholly for that purpose, that we may not in a time of Ease let fall a Testemony raised by our antiants and supported Since in more Dificult times through Much Sufferings —

Sighned in behalf and by Direction of Said meeting — by Sylvester Wickes Clerk

1788

At a Quarterly meeting held at Swansey for Rhode Island the 10th Day of the 1st mo 1788

By accounts from the several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are —

for Rhode Island	Samuel Thurston William Almy and Edward Sisson
Dartmouth	Abial Gifford William Anthony Joseph Tucker Jr & Caleb Barker
Greenwich	Paul Greene John Raynolds Sylvester Wickes & Daniel Howland Jr
Smithfield	George Comstock Rufus Smith & Benjamin Pierce
Swansey	Johnathan Chace 2d Levi Hunt & Edward Shove
S. Kingston	Andrew Nichols Peter Hoxsey & Thomas Hazard of Benjamin
Acoaxet	Prince Wing & Noah Gifford
Uxbrige	Daniel Aldrich Nathaniel Aldrich & James Smith —
Providence	Augustus Lapham David Steere and Ozial Wilkeson —

Who being Called are all present except Peter Hoxsey. — The accounts from the several monthly meetings was read in this, from ~~at~~ which it appears, that Greenwich heath sent up £1.10.5 S. Kingston £1.4.1 which with what they sent an account of before, makes the whole of their proportions of the yearly & Quarterly meetings Stocks, Swansey inform that they have Sent up £4.2-9 part of their proportion of said Stock — Swanze inform that they have Sent up £4- being the whole of their proporton of said Stocks, — Uxbrige Inform that they have Directed their Treasurer to pay the Quarterly meeting Treasurer their proportion of the beforementioned Stock —

The Queries with answers from all the monthly meetings were read in this and many Sutable remarks made there on which we hope friends will Duly Consider and Represent to their perticuler meetings at home, —

am Benjamin Freeborn Daniel Brayton Joseph Tucker Junr William Almy John Moser James Smith Johnathan Congdon & Rufus Smith are appointed to Reconsider Said answers and prepare an account or an Epistle to the — Several monthly meetings as way may open

our Esteemed Friend Joseph Delepline attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate, from a monthly meeting of Friends held at Flushing on Long Island Dated the 1 Day of the 11mo 1787 Expresive with their unity with his ministry and Concurance with his present visit to Friends in New England and the Nothern parts of New York Government, — Whose Company and Services heath been Satisfactory to us at this time, —

This meeting ajourns to the 11th hour tomorrow

the Eleventh Day met by ajournment. —
The Representatives being Called are all present as yesterday except Some on a Committee

The matter Refared from last Quarter concerning Publick Testemony of our friend Peleg Almey Coming again under the Notice of this meeting, after Due Consideration had thereon, feel a concern to unite with RhodeIsland monthly meeting therein having the unity of the womens meeting — and Jacob Mott is appointed to Inform the Select Quarterly meeting thereof.

The matter refared from last Quarter Concerning the Publick Testemony of our friend Stephen Buffinton Coming again under the notice of this meeting, which after Solid Consideration had thereon, think it Safe to unite with Coaxet monthly meeting therein having the Concurance of the womens Quarterly meeting, & Jacob Mott is Desired to inform the Select Quarterly meeting thereof. —

The Comittee appointed to Inspect the meeting hous at Ponganset, and Confar with Darthmouth monthly meeting, with Respect to Repairing Said hous or building a new one Report — that they have attended to that matter, inspected the hous and think it not prudent to Repair the Same, and also Confarce with that monthly meetings Committee who presented to us a Coppy of the following minute - viz the Comittee appointed on account of our
meeting hous

meeting hous Report, that they proposed a hous about the Bigness of that at Bedford, and the to be about £300 and have made out Subscribtions to the amount of £241.18- which they are Directed to forward to the Quarterly meeting Committee on that matter, a Coppy of a minute of the monthly meeting held in Darthmouth ~~the~~ by adjournment the 26 of the 12mo 1787

by William Anthony Clerk
for the Day

Therefore our Sense and Judgment is, that it may be safe to leve that monthly meeting to their Liberty, to proceed to build a new hous there on the place where the old one Stands of that bigness or vary it as to lenght and bredth not to Exceed 60 feet by 32 and a Convenient hith for a Gallery; Providing the Cost do not exceed £300 with what they Can make of the old hous— all which we submit to the meeting— Robert Dennis

Rufus Smith
William Willbour
Robert Slade

which is accepted and Darthmouth monthly meeting are left at liberty to proceed accordingly and the Clerk is Desired to forward a Coppy of this minute to Darthmouth monthly meeting.—

Our Beloved friend Patience Brayton having had a Certificate from Swansey monthly meeting Dated the 7th of 4mo 1783 Signifying their unity with her Concern to pay a Religious visit to friends in Great Briton and Elsewhare — and also our

Concurring Certificate, from our Quarterly meeting held at Smithfield the 10th and 11th Day of 7mo 1783 Returned themat this time and produced the folowing Certificates— one from the yearly meeting of ministers and Elders held in London by ajournments,— from the 26 of 5mo to the 4 of the 6mo 1787 Inclusive one from the aforesaid meeting held from the 3rd of the 6mo to the 12 of the Same Inclusive 1786 — one from the half years meeting of friends held in Dublin Dated the 9th of 5mo 1786 all Expressive of their unity and Satisfaction with her Services —

The Committee appointed to make as Essay of an Epistle to the several monthly meetings presented one, which after being several times Read is approved and the Clerk by the Direction of this meeting has Sighned the Same— which is as follows,— Viz

Dear Friends

We have Duly Received your several Communications, and deliberately Considered them & are induced under an apprehension of duty, to remind you that, the prevalence of Langour, and Defection thereby appearently manifested, hath been the ocation of Exercise to this meeting, and believing that such is the nature of Religious Society, that it is Justly Chargeable with the offences of its members, untill it hath by fervent timely labour, Discharged its duty towards them, we therefore fervently exhort that you endevour in the Spirit of meekness and wisdom, to Labour for a removel of those offences which render your Communications in

Some Instances so exercising, not Contenting yourselve with barely Exclaiming against them, but let such manifestations of your attention be accompanied with fervent Society Labour, Remembering the Case of Achan, who although he transgressed in an individual Capasity, yet his offence was imputed to the Congregation of which he was a member, untill they had Dischaged their Duty towards him, and in perticuler we Could wish to excite your attention to that Reproachfull practice of Sleeping in our Religious meetings a practice tending to lay wast the Society, and which Cannot but be offensive to God and good men: — we also wish your attention to be turned to a Rectification of the inexplicit manner in which some of your answers are Transmitted in order to which we Recommend, unless Some Spatial matter necessarily intervene that you attend to the business proposed to be sent to this meeting in the early part of the monthly meeting preceding it — Sighned in and on behalf of said meeting by Sylvester Tucker Clerk

the last mentioned Committee Likewise presented a Certificate in behalf of our friend Joseph Delaplain which after some amendments is approved and the Clerk as Directed has Sighned the Same in behalf of this meeting — said Certificate is as follows

Orig — from our Quarterly meeting &c
To the monthly meeting of New york and Flushing on Long Island
Dear friends — our Esteemed friend Joseph ~~Dela-plain~~ Delaplaine attended this meeting with your Certificate Dated 1st Day of 11mo 1787 also Divers of our monthly and perticuler meetings belonging to this Quarter — these are to Certifie

in his behalf that his Gospel Labours, have been to our edification and Comfort, with Desires for his preservation and Safe Return, to his family and friends when his Service is over we Conclude and Remain your friends and Bretheren — Sighned in and on behalf of

the abovesaid meeting by V. Wikes Clerk

By acounts Received from Several monthly meeting of the visits and Services of Levi Hoag and his Companion Paul Hoag from which acounts this meeting thinks is Safe to furnish them with the following Certificates Sighned by the Clerk —

From our Quarterly meeting &c

To the Creek monthly meeting in nine partners
in the government of New york —

Dear friends

By acounts Received at this time we Can Inform that our friend Levi Hoag hath attended severall ~~I~~ monthly and perticuler meetings within the varge of this ~~Quarter~~ with your Certifiate of the 10mo last, and that his visits & Labours hath been Satisfactory to them, with Desires for his Safe return to you, we Conclude your friends and Bretheren — Sighned in and on behalf of Said meeting — by V. Wikes Clerk

From our Quarterly meeting &c

To the Same monthly meeting as above

Dear friends

By acounts Received at this time we are Informed, that our friend Paul Hoag hath attended to Several monthly and perticuler meeting belonging to this as a Companion to Levi Hoag with a Coppy of a minute from your monthly meeting in the 10mo

last, and that his visit was Satisfactory to them with Desires for his Safe return to you, we Conclude your friends and Brethren, Sighned in & on behalf
of our said meeting — by J. Hikes Clerk

The Quarterly meetings Treasurer haveing informed that the Treasurer acounts have not been Settled for Some time Whereupon Thomas Arnold George Comstock & Ozial Willkeson are appointed to Settle Said acounts and Report to next Quarter, —

By acounts received from uxbrige monthly meeting we are informed; That our friend Daniel Case having returned from his religious visit to the westward, produced a Certifiate from the Quarterly meeting held at Nine partners the 16. and 17 Days of the 8 mo 1787 also Certificates from the monthly meetings belonging to that and the oblong Purches Quarterly meetings, all Expressive of their Satisfaction with his visit and Labours among them, —

The Clerk is Desired to make out a Sumery acount of the answers to the Queries and present to next Quarterly meeting. —

4/1788 At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Greenwich the 10 Day of the 4 mo 1788

By accounts Received from the Several monthly meeting the Representatives therein named are

for Rhoe Island } Job Chaloner, William Almy & Gould Marsh

Darthmouth } William Anthony Zepheniah Eddy & Caleb Greene

Greenwich } Dave Greene & John Langford

Smithfield } Rufus Smith Benedict Remington and George Smith Jun

Swansey } Levi Hunt Stephen Earl and Robert Slade

S. Kingston } Amos Collins and Andrew Nichols

Acoxet } Lovet Fripp Joseph Willbour and Ebor Davis

Uxbrige } William Bassett Benedict Arnold and Benjamin Batty

Providence } Augustus Lapham Johnathan Arnold and Caleb Greene

all present except augustus Lapham who is absen by sickness in his family as we are informed by a friend

The accounts from the Several monthly meetings ware read in this, as likewise the Queries with the answers from Said meetings and as it appears there may be a farther use in Submitting said answers to the inspection of a Comattee — Job ~~Cal~~ Chaloner William Almy

Caleb Greene of Providence, Robert Slaid William Anthony Asa Smith, Johnathan Arnold William Buffum, Thomas Howland, Joseph Willbour, and Amos Collins are appointed, to Reconsider Said answers and prepare an account or an Epistle to the Several monthly meetings or perticuler ones as way may open, and also to prepare an account and General answers to the yearly meeting, and present to the ajournment to morrow,

This meeting ajourns to the Eleventh hour tomorrow

The Eleventh Day met by ajournment,

The Representatives being Called are all present as yesterday except Some absent on a Comtt

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being Expired, and the Representatives haveing it in Charge, to Consider of a Sutable friend to fill that place for the year insuing, Report that they think it will be well to Reappoint the Same friend that Served last year, which Report is accepted and he is appointed accordingly,

one of the Committee appointed to Settle the Treasurers accounts, Inform, that they have not Completed that Service, It is therefore Refared to Next Quarter under the Care of the Same Comtt they then to Report,

The Comittee appointed in the 7mo last to Shift the Books and papers from the former to the present Clerk Report, that they have Received of the former Clerk the books and papers that ware in his hands viz one Book and Sundry parcels of Papers Containing Epistles Answers to the Queries &c and Delivered them to the present

Clerk - Isaac Lawton, John Casey. which is accepted and as it appears there are Several Books and papers belonging to this meeting that was not in the former Clerks hands, where upon Jacob Mott is appointed to make enquire after them and Report to next Quarterly meeting,

The Committee appointed in the 7mo last to prepare an Essay of a Testimony Concerning our Esteemed Friend Joseph Mitchel Deceased Report that they have not prepared one as yet, they are Continued for that purpose and Report at Next Quarter.

Swansey acoxet and Uxbrige monthly meetings having in their accounts proposed, A Devition or alteration of holding the Quarterly meeting, but This meeting not being ripe to Do any thing in that matter, it is refared to next Quarterly meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare an account to the Yearly meeting presented them, which after some alterations are approved Sighned by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting and are to go up to the yearly meeting, by our Representatives who are Jonathan Chase the 2d Daniel Howland Junr, Ebor Davis Caleb Greene of Bedford David Buffum Daniel Anthony John Knowles Benedict Arnold and Isaac Lawton,

The monthly meeting of Rhode Island in their account Inform, that they have Directed their Representatives to Discount with the Quarterly meetings Treasurer their proportion of the yearly and Quarterly meetings stock it being £8-8, There being a Sum of mony Due to that meeting from this by some former accounts allowed.

Swansey monthly meeting Inform that they have sent up 18 3 it being the remainder of their proportion of the yearly & Quarterly meetings Stock,

The Quarterly meetings Treasurer is Directed to pay the yearly meetings Treasurer this meeting proportion of the yearly meetings Stock, and in Case of Deficientsey of mony to borrow the Same, and the Clerk is Directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute, —

The Clerk having bee Directed to make a Sumary amount from the answers to the Queries to the two last Quarters presented them at this time ~~from~~ which are as folows — Viz

That all our meetings for worship and Desepline have been ~~attended~~ kept up Exept two for worship was not attended one day each, a General Slackneſs in the attendence of middle week meetings, and Sleeping or Drowsineſs more or leſs prevalent in most meetings, It appears that all our meetings apprehend themselves in Degree poſseſsed of Christian love, which is the True marke of Desipleship, Tho great want Langour and Lukewarmneſs is Complained of in most if not all the answers to that Important Querie, friends Generally Carefull to end Differences when they arise, —

our Testimony in Regard to plaineſs pretty Generally mentained, but few in the practice of Conveaning their families for Religious purposes, — Sporting

Spiritious Liquors Generally avoided, and it appears that friends Demean themselves with becoming moderation in most places.—

The Curcumstances of the poor in Society Generally attended to—

our Testimony mentained in Regard to the orderly Solemnsation of marriages—

But few friends are Tryed with priests Deman or melitary matters in this Day of Ease—

a Considirabl Defientsey in Setting accounts and making wills Still remains in most meetings,—

Friends all Clear of Slave keeping, and it appears a Testemony is Generally held up against the practice in others, Some are Defecent in most monthly meetings in preforming their promises and paying Debts, it appears that marriages are mostly Recorded, but a Shortness in Recording births Deaths &c. Still Remains

Care rests on the minds of friends generally to mentain Desepline, and to place Judgment on those that Cannot be reclaimed by Sutable admonition—

It appears by the first answer to the Queries from S. Kingston mo. meet, that two of their perticuler meeting was attended on one day by one member each, & they not communicateing any reasons for the Same, nor that they had extended any Care in that Respect, That monthly meeting is therefore desired to extend the necessary Care respecting the Same and stir up the members belonging to them that such delinquencies do not pass unnoticed, nor the necessary Care with them for their perticuler help,— and the Clerk is Directed to furnish S. Kingston mo. meet with a Coppy of this minute—

At a Quarterly meeting held at Smithfield upper meeting-hous for Rhode-Island the 10th of 9^{mo} 1788

The meeting being geathered and the acounts from the Several monthly (except Providence) opened the Representatives therein named are —

for Rhode-Island } Clark Rodmon Johnathan Greene and Joseph Sisson,
Dartmouth } William Anthony, John Howland, & Benjamin Smith,
Greenwich } John Reynolds, Simeon Arnold & John Aylsworth,
Smithfield } William Buffum Rufus Smith and Seth Kelly,
Swansey } Levi Hunt, John Chace and Moses Buffum,
S. Kingstown } Andrew Nichols, John Foster Thomas Hazard of $Benj^{a}$ & George Hazard
Acoxet } David Russel Abner Potter & Ephraim Potter,
Uxbridge } Benedict Arnold, Josiah Shove, and Marmaduke Earl

Providence

The acounts from all the monthly meetings except Providence ware read in this, as also the Queries and answers from said meetings, and several Sutable remarkes made on the many Defiencies yet remaining among us, and it appearing safest to Commit the Reinspection of said answers to the Consideration of a Committ, William Buffum, William Almy, William Anthony, John Brown James Smith Thomas [illegible]

Johnathan Congdon, Chad Smith William Roach Jur. Saml Thurston Smith Brown Clark Rodmon augustus Lapham Johnathan Greene Obdiah Williams and Richard Mowry are appointed to that Service, and to make an Esay of an Epistolary Comuniciation to the Several monthly meetings or pertiuler ones as way may open, and as may appear Sutable to their Several States at this time, —

an Epistle from our last Yearly meeting was in this to good aceptance, and the above named Committe are Desired to makeout Transcripts of Said Epistle for the Several monthly meetings and also Copies of the Extracts from the Yearly meeting, and Such other Transcripts as to them may appear necessary, Said Epistle from our Yearly meeting is as follows, —

From our Yearly meeting held at Newport for New England by ajournments from the 12 of the 6 mo to the 17 of the Same Inclusive 1788

To the Quarterly meetings hereto belonging, —

Dear Friends

We have Received accounts from the Several Quarterly meetings belonging hereto, together with answers to the Queries, and have been sorrowfully affected in observing the many deficiencies therein mentioned; but as advices have been frequent and repeatedly Communicated and much wholesome Counsel is contained in the Epistle from London, Philadelphia, and Westbury on Long-Island, Transcripts of which are herewith sent, we apprehend any furthe communications of that sort from us ~~at~~ to be unnecessary at this time, fervently Desireing that you may pay that attention to them, as to be profitably instructed thereby, for our further advice we refer you to the Extracts of this meeting, which the Clerk is Desired to forward here with.

Sighned by Direction and on behalf of said meeting
by Wm Roach Junr Clerk to the meeting this year

P. S. the several Quarterly meetings are Desired to ~~our~~ forward to our next yearly meeting a list of their numbers of the Select meetings.

A Certificate in behalf of our friend Mary mitchel from the monthly meeting of Nantucket held the 13 of the 3 mo 1788 manifesting their unity with her ~~[illegible]~~ as a minister and Concurance with her Religious visit to friends families, in the varge of Salem monthly and Rhode Island Quarter was Read in this meeting to good acceptance-

This meeting ajourns to the Eleventh hour to morrow

the Eleventh Day met by ajournment,—
The Representatives being called are all present as yesterday except some on a Comitt

The account from providence not coming to hand yesterday it was presented and read at this time, the Representatives therein named are, Moses Brown Joseph Randall ~~and~~ Jeremiah Harris and Elisha Steer all present, —

our Friend Samuel Emblen attended the several Sitings of this meeting, and produced a Certificate from the monthly meetings of friends held at Philadelphia for the Northern District Dated the 13 of the 5 mo 1788 expressive ~~with~~ of their unity with him as a minister and with his present Concern to visit friends in these parts which was read to good acceptance

Rhode Island monthly Meeting in their accounts inform that they have appointed Clark Rodman and Johnatha to the Station of Elders, which being Seperately and Duly Considered, are approved;

Uxbrige Monthly meeting in their account inform that they have appointed William Bassett to the place of an Elder, which being waightly Considered is approved; with which three appointments the meeting ~~[illegible]~~ Concur and John Casey is appointed to inform the Select meet-ing thereof.

The Womens meeting haveing informed this that they Concur with Smithfield monthly meeting in the appointment of Hepzabeth Buffum to the place of an Elder, which coming up in the mens account, and after Due consideration had thereon think it safe to unite with the womens meeting therein & John Casey is Desired to acquaint the Select Quarterly meeting thereof.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts refered from last Quarter, Report that they find £4-1-4 in the Treasurers hands, and it appearing from said Treasurers accounts that Dartmouth monthly meeting is in arrear £2-19.8, Greenwich £1,1,2 Acoaxet £2,15,1 which said meetings are Desired to forward, or such Receipts or accounts as they may have explanatory of said matter,

Jacob Mott who was appointed at last Quarter to make Enquiry for such Books and papers as belong to this -

this meeting and not in the Clerks hands, Reports that he has not Done any thing in that matter as yet, he is Continued for that Service & Report at next Quarter,

The Committee appointed to prepare an Essay of a Testemony Concerning our friend Joseph Mitchel Continued from last Quarter, Report in writeing as follows, Viz We your Comittee appointed to prepare an Essay of a Testemony Concerning our Friend Joseph Mitchel Deceased and present to the yearly meeting, if way opened have Several Times taken the Subject under Serious Consideration, but as we was not personally Conversent with our Deceased friend, in the forepart of his life and Relegious Exersise, which has been pass'd over unnoticed by the monthly meeting which has presented a Testemony Concerning him, and Espatially as it appears to us a Curcumstantial and historical acount of the forepart of his life and Religious progress, would be most properly and usefully Testified by the monthly meeting of Nantucket in which he then Dwelt, if they find themselves Concern'd for that Service, and it being our prospect that way has not yet opened to us to prepare such a Testemony, tho' we think a General Testemony might afterwards be usefully published by the Quarterly Meeting, we therefore Submit wheather it might not be well for the Quarterly meeting to Correspond with Nantucket monthly meeting on the Subject if a Concern Still Continues to have a farther Testemony preserved. Signed in behalf of the Com.tt by Job Scott

Smithfield 10th 7mo 1785

Which is accepted, and the Clerk is Directed to furnish Nantucket monthly meeting with a Coppy of this minute

The matter Refared from last Quarter respecting a Division or alteration of holding the Quarterly meeting haveing been Concluded upon by the yearly meeting as appears by the following minute, viz. It haveing been for Divers years much Desired by this meeting that a different arrangment of our Quarterly meetings take place It is now agreed, that the monthly meetings of Darthmouth acoxet and Swansey, be for one year Set off from Rhode Island and added to Sandwich Quarterly meeting, and it is tenderly advised that they Endeavour to unite in a breatherly labour togather for the promotion of the Cause of Truth,

That they meet and hold their meetings at the times and places as heretofore Except those in the 10th and 12mo which are to be held at the usual times, but Instead of the usual places that in the 10mo is Directed to be held at apponegansett, and that in the 12mo at bedford

That Rhode Island Quarterly meeting be held in the Spring and Sumer as usial in the fall at portsmouth and in the winter at providence at the usual Times.

The Several Extracts Sent down to us from the yearly meeting was received, Read and Copies of which are to go Down to the Several monthly meetings, and are as follows— This Meeting being Sorrowfully effected with the Information, that divers members of the Select meeting and meeting for Sufferings, have been Induced to accept of, and act in appointments to Stations of publick office of honour and Trust respecting outward Government, notwithstanding the Concern and advice of this meeting last Year, and feeling a fervent Desire for the restoration of all Such to the unity of their Brethren, intrete them to relinquish and Come out of those Stations, and in Case any Should disragard the advice of this meeting and the labour of the meeting to which they belong, which is recommended to be early extended; It is the Sence of this meeting that they do not fill the places to which they ware Calld or appointed in our Society, and ought not to act in any meeting as members in those Stations, whether ministers, Elders or members of the meeting for Sufferings

It appearing by the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings, that the funds for the yearly meeting School, are at presen through the great dificulty of Collecting them are inadiquate to a proper Continuance of Said School, it is advise, that a vacation take place till our next yearly meeting the perticuler time for which to be assigned by the meeting for Sufferings. And that the Several monthly meetings be Desired by the Quarterly meeting to Contribute in freedom toward an Increas of the funds, that the Institution may becom more Generally usefull,

It appearing that notwithstanding the advice and Intreties of this meeting in 1784 and last year Divers of our members have been so inattentive thereto as not yet to forbare the practice of Importing trading in and hand out Distilld liquors to the weaking their own hands, and obstructing Society from holding up this Important Testimony, as becometh our holy profession, and a fresh Exercise ariseing that their obstructions be removed, it is recommended to monthly meetings, that Committees be appointed to labour with all Such, as may Continue in either of Said practices, or Distilling, and endeavour to prevail with them, to a Cordial Compliance with the advice of this meeting, and if any Should Continue So Disregardfull of the Unity of the body, as to Counter-act them in these Important Concerns, It is recommended that they be Delt with and if unreclaimed Testefied again as those that Disregard the advice of their brethren and the Several monthly meetings, are Directed to have this minute Inserted in their Several books of Disapline under the head Spiritious Liquors

this meeting haveing Conclued to rais the Sum of fifty pounds RhodeIsland Quarterly meeting is Desired to forward to our Treasurer Twenty Eaight pounds fifteen Shillings their proportion thereof - Extract from the minutes and Compared

by William Rotch jun Clerk

One of the Representatives appointed at last Quarter to attend the yearly meeting in behalf of himself and the Rest that they all attended, except one who was absent through Indisposition of Body

The Comittee appointed yesterday to reinspect the answers to the Queries, makeout the necesary Transcripts &c presented them at this time, which are to goe down to the Several monthly meetings, Togather with the following Epistolary Communication,

To the Several monthly meetings hereto belonging

Dear friends

We have Received your Several Comunications which have been read, and Considered in this meeting also our last yearly meetings Epistle with an Extract from the minutes of Sd meeting

Togather with transcripts of the London Philedelphia and Long Island Epistles, which we herewith Send they being fraught with much pertinent ~~advice~~ Epistolary Communication, as also pertiular Direct ions, we forbare to enlarge thereon, desireing your attention to the advice & directions there by Communicated

Sighned in behalf and by Derection of Said
meeting — by Sylvester Wicker Clk

Said Committee also propose the following minute to be Sent down to Darthmouth m.o meet,

It appearing by the account from Darthmouth monthly meeting, that in consequence of the Recommendations of this meeting at last Quarter they have made some exartions to compose the difference Subsisting among them, but that the Same is not yet accomplished, Said meeting is therefore Desired to Continue their Car in that respect and if their labour prove ineffectual, that they make timely appiication to the Quarterly meeting

It also appearing by the answer to the 9th Query from Said meeting that there are Several Instances of defiency within the compass of that meeting in performing an equitable Settlement with Some who have been heretofore held in Slavery, and it appearing upon Inspection that they are the Sam Caſses which Some time past they were desired by this meeting to take Cognizance of and effect a Settlement, Said meeting is therefor Desired to take the necesary care to have them effected without further Delay, wich is adopted and the Clerk is Directed to furnish Darthmouth m.o meet with a Coppy of this minute accordingly

10-7mo 1788

Representative from Swansea is recorded "Moses Buffum" Should be "Moses" "Buffington" see Swansea Records 7-7-1788

(Charles Estes)

This meeting Received Transcripts of the following Epistles viz one from London of the 6mo 1787. one from Philadelphia of the 9mo 1787 one from Westbury on Long Island of the 5mo 1788 all which was read in this meeting to good acceptance.

The Representatives to whome the apportionment of the yearly meetings Stock was committed and also to think of a Sutable Sum for this meetings Stock made the following Report, viz. Agreeable to our appointment we have concluded that the yearly meeting Stock be raised in the following proportions Rhode Island £4.16.7 Darthmouth £4.16.7 Greenwich £2.11.7 Smithfield £2.9.5 Swansey £2.18. S. Kingston £2.5.1 Aoxet £2.14.11 Uxbrige £3.8.5 Providence £3.4.5 Whole amount £28.15. we also think it necessary to rais £16.9.2 to Supply the Quarterly meetings Stock apportioned as follows, Rhode Island £4.10.8 Greenwich £2.6.4 Smithfield £2.3.3. S. Kingstown £2.0 Uxbrige £2.11. Providence £2.16.11, Sighned on behalf of the committee — by John Reynolds
Clark Rodman

which is adopted, and the Several monthly meetings are Desired to furnish their proportions accordingly and Send it forward to the yearly and Quarterly meetings Treasurers as Soon as may be,

10/1788 At a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 9th of the 11mo 1788 The meeting being assembled and the accounts from the monthly meetings opened the Representatives their names are
for Rhode Island } John Hadwin Benjamin Freeborn and Richard Mitchel

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Greenwich — John Casey, Daniel Greene

Smithfield — George Arnold, Rufus Smith, & Benedict ~~Arnold~~ Remington

South Kingstown — William Knowls, William Peckham,
— Peter Hoxsie John Foster

Usbrige — Josiah Shove, Benedict Arnold James Smith

Providence — Elisha Steer Samuel Hill Benja Arnold

who being Called are all present except Rufus Smith who Sent a Satisfactory reason in writeing for his absence

The accounts from the Several monthly meetings was read in this Rhode Island monthly meeting Inform that they have Raised £ 9.7.3 their proportion of the Yearly & Quarterly meetings Stock

Greenwich Inform that they have raised and Sent forward £ 2.6.4 their proportion of the Quarterly meetings Stock

Smithfield Inform that they have Sent up £ 2.3.3 their proportion of Said Quarterly meet. Stock

Providence Inform that they have sent up £ 6.1.4 their proportion of the Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock,

The Queries with answer thereto from all the monthly meetings was read in this

Samuel Aldrich having appealed from a Judgment of the monthly meeting of Uxbrige in the 6 mo last to this Quarterly meeting and he appearing to prosecute his appeal Clark Rodman Benjamin Freeborn Sylvester Wickes Andrew Nichols Jacob Mott John Knowles

John Hadwin are appointed to here and Determin thereon and Report to next Quarterly meeting,

Jacob Mott having been appointed some time since to make Enquerire after Such Books and papers as belong to this meeting ~~and not in the~~ not having fully accomplished that Service it is Continued to next Quarter under the Care of the Same friend

Smithfield monthly meeting sent up an account of £4. 5. 6, for hors keeping at last Quarter which this meetings Treasurer is Derectedto pay

1789 At a Quarterly meeting held at Providence for RhodeIsland the 8th of 5 mo 1789 by accounts Received from the Several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are,

for Rhode Island — Samson Shearmon, Benja Mott,
and Obediah Williams

Greenwich — Amos Turner, & Elisha Harris

Smithfield — William Buffum, Uriah Gibson,
& Benjamin Pine

So Kingstown — Andrew Nichols, and William Knowls,

Uxbrige — Richard Mowry, JamesSmith, & David Hadworth

Providence — Moses Davis Joseph Basset & Caleb Greene

who being Called are all present,

our Esteemed friend Thomas Comstock attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate from

The Creek monthly meeting of friends held in Nine partners Government of N. York the 28 and 29 of of 8mo 1788. Expresive of their Unity with him as a minister and with his present Concern to visit friends in New-England which was Read to Good acceptance,

The accounts from the Several monthly meetings was read in this,

Uxbrige inform that they have Directed their Treasurer to pay the yearly and Quarterly meetings Treasurers their proportion of Said meetings Stocks,

The Queries was read in this meeting with answers from the Several monthly meetings,

Jacob Mott who was appointed Some time Since to Enquire after Such Books and papers as belong to this meeting and not in the Clerks hands Reports at this time that the first proceedings of this Quarterly meeting for near 20 years are Recorded with the Records of Rhode Island monthly meeting; William Almy is appointed with Jacob Mott, to Transcribe a fair Coppy of Said Minutes in a book, and bring to this meeting at next Quarter,

The Case of Elizabeth Barker Sent up in the account from Rhode Island mo. meeting to this for advice, is refared to a Committee, Benedict Arnold Thomas Arnold Thomas Hazard George Comstock —

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Ozial Wilkeson Moses Brown John Casey William Buffum and Daniel Anthony are appointed to take her Case into Consideration, and Report to the ajournment to morrow what may be best to advise in that matter, and the Representatives from RhodeIsland are Desired to Give Said Committee Such Information as they are Capable off,

The matter Sent up from RhodeIsland monthly meeting respecting the answering only the 1st 2 and 12th Queries Quarterly and the whole but once a year is refared to next Quarterly meeting.

The matter Sent up from Said RhodeIsland mo. meeting proposing an alteration in holding the Quarterly meeting is likewise Refared

This meeting ajournes to the Eleventh hour ~~to~~ morrow,

Ninth Day met according to ajournment.
The Representatives being Called are all present as yesterday

Providence Monthly Meeting in their account, Inform, that they had Granted a Certificate to our friend Job Scott, to pay a Religious visit to friends in the Southren states and he having spread his Concern before this meeting, after weighty Consideration had thereon, do feelingly Unite with him in his said Concern, and Direct the Clerk to sighn the following Endorsment on his Certificate,

Our Esteemed Friend Job Scott haveing in a Tender and satisfactory manner opened in this meeting his Concern & prospect of a religious visit as mentioned in the foregoing Certificate; and we feeling Unity and near Sympathy with him therein, Concur there with; Desireing that best wisdom

May be his Shield and Sure Suport in every Baptism and Tryal that may attend him, and when his Service is accomplished, that he may return to us with the reward of Peace, — Sighned in and on behalf of Quarterly meeting —— by Sylvester Wickes Clk

This Meeting Granted our Esteemed Friend Thomas Comstock the following Certificate

From our Quarterly meeting held at Providence for Rhode Island the 8th and 9th days of 5 mo 1789,

To the Creek monthly meeting of friends in New york Government,

our Esteemed friend Thomas Comstock attended this meeting and produced a Certificate from your monthly meeting held 28th and 29th of the 8 mo 1788 he heath also visited many of the meetings belonging to this Quarter, and his Gospel Labour heath been Truly acceptable and Edifying to the well Concerned among us, with desires that he may Still be preserved on the Sure foundation, and enabled to finish his Days work to the Glorifying of the great Master and his own unspeakeble Comfort We Conclude and remain your friends & Brethren,

Sighned in and on behalf and by Direction of our Quarterly meeting aforsaid By { Sylvester Wickes
Mary Brown — } Clerks to the men and womens meetings

Uxbrige monthly meeting in their account inform that they with the unity of their womens meeting have appointed Jayemiah Barret to the Station of an Elder which after Due Consideration had thereon this meeting approve having the Concurance of the womens meeting John Casey is Desired to inform the Select meeting thereof.

Five of the Committee (the other two being absent) appointed at last Quarter to here and Determin on the appeal brought by Samuel Aldrich, from a Judgment of Uxbrige monthly meeting, Report in writeing as follows,

We of the Comtt, appointed at last Quarterly meeting to here and Determin on the appeal brought by Samuel Aldrich from a Judgment of Uxbrige monthly meeting,

Haveing mett with the Said Samuel Aldrich and Said monthly meetings Comtt and heard their Alegations on boath Sides, and maturely Considered thereon, apprehend that Said monthly meeting had Suffient Caus to Disown Said Samuel Aldrich. it is therefor our oppinion that Judgment of Said monthly meeting be Confirmed

Providence 1mo 9-1789
To the Quarterly meeting Siting

Jacob Mott.
Andrew Nichols
John Knowles
Benja Freeborn
Sylvester Wickes

which is accepted and the Jugment of Said monthly meeting Confirmed accordingly, and the Said Samuel Desireing an appeal to the yearly meeting it is Granted and Benedict Arnold Benjamin Freeborn William Almy & Augustus Lapham are appointed to Represent the Case to the yearly meeting.

The Comtt appointed yesterday in the Case of Elizabeth Barker brought up by RhodeIsland monthly meeting made Report the Consideration of which is refard to next Quarterly meeting.

This meeting Receivd a few lines from Nantucket monthly meeting respecting a Testemony in behalf of our Deceased friend Joseph Mitchel, the Consideration of which is refared to nex Quarterly meeting.

The Treasurer of this meeting being Dismissd, and the Nomanation of a Sucessor Coming under the Cear of the Representatives they propose that Thomas Hazard of Providence

Be appointed to that Service for the year ensuing he is appointed accordingly, and Caleb Greene and Moses Brown are appointed to Settle the former Treasurers accounts and Report to next Quarterly meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Greenwich for Rhodeisland the 9th of 4 mo 1789

By accounts Received from the Several monthly meetings the Representatives therein named are —

Rhodeisland — Jonathan Greene Wm Almy & Gould Marsh
Greenwich — William Spencer & Paul Greene
Smithfield — George Smith George Comstock Jonathan Mowry
So Kingstown — Joseph Collins John Foster Amos Collins
Uxbrige — Benja Batty Assa Smith John Southwick
Providence — David Anthony Smith Brown Joseph Farnum
all Present —

The accounts from the Several monthly meetings was read in this — Greenwich Inform that they have raised £2.11.7 their proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock

Smithfield Inform that they have forwarded £2.9.5 to the Yearly meetings Treasurer

So Kingstown inform that they have Colected £2.5.1 for the Yearly meetings Stock

The Queries with answers from the Several monthly Meetings ~~was~~ Discriptive of their States was read at this time and Thomas Arnold John Reynolds William Almy Sylvester Wickes Assa Smith Smith Brown Rufus Smith and Amos Collins, are appointed to Reconsider Said Answers and prepare an account and General Answers to the Yearly Meeting, and an Epistolary Communication to the monthly meetings if any open, Jacob Mott and William Almy who was appointed at last Quarter to transcribe a coppy of the first proceeding of this meeting Report that they have not quite accomplished that Servic, it is therefore refared to next Quarterly meeting under the Care of the Same friends,

The matter refared from last Quarter in Respect to answering only 1, 2 and 12 Queries quarterly and the whole but once a year, is refared to a Committee George Smith David Steer Samuel Thurston Paul Green Thomas Hazard Daniel Howland Jr Jeseriah Barret are appointed to Consider of that matter and Report to morrow what may be best to Do in the Case.

The matter sent up from Rhode Island monthly meeting Respecting an alteration in holding the Quarterly meetings refared from last Quarter, is Committed to the Care of the above Committee they to Consider what usefull alterations may be made if any and Report to morrow.

Uxbrige monthly Meeting in their account inform that they had Granted Daniel Aldrich a Certificate to accompany Job Scott in a Religious visit to friends in the Southren States, a Coppy of which being before this Meeting and friends Concurring with his Concern, Ozial Wilkeson and Moses Brown are Desired to Draw a few lines by way of a Concurring Certificate in his behalf and present to this meeting to morrow,

This Meeting ajourns to the Eleventh hour tomorrow

Tenth Day met by Ajournment the Representatives All present except Some on a Committee

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired and the Representatives having it in Charge to propose a Sucessor, Report that they think best to Refar the matter to next Quarter, it is refared accordingly and the present Clerk is Desired to serve untill ~~that~~ ~~time~~ the business Comes in Cours at that time or till another is appointed in his room,

The Consideration of the Report of a Committee in the Case of Elizabeth Barker refared from last Quarter Coming under the Notice of the meeting at this time think best to accept the Same which is a follows.

The Comtt appointed to Consider of the Case of Elizabeth Barker, who was born of parents who ware members of our Society, and Educated among friends, but has been in a State of Insanity ever Since She was about Sixteen years of age and is now left with Some Interest for her Support, which is taken under the Care of the Town Counsil of the Town in which she lives, which Case was sent up by RhodeIsland Monthly meeting desireing to be advised how far a person of that Discrip-tion Comes under the notice of the monthly meeting to be taken Care of as a member, have taken the Case into Consideration, and we are of apinion that She is a member Entitled to the Care and the Previliges of Society as far as She is Capable of receiving the Same - and that RhodeIsland monthly meeting be advised to extend their Care towards her as Such.

Sighned in behalf of the Comtt by Tho Hazard

To the quarterly meeting
now in being, 8th of 1mo – 1789

and the Clerk is Directed to furnish RhodeIsland monthly meeting with a Coppy of said Report as this meeting advice,

The Comtt appointed yesterday to Consider of answering only the 1, 2, and 12 queries Quarterly and the whole but once a year, Report they do not

See it best to make any alteration in that matter at present, which is accepted.

The Same Com.tt having it also in Charge to Consider what usefull alteration may be made in holding the Quarterly meeting, made Report which not being Entirely to Satisfaction is Dismised, and it is Concluded to propose to the Yearly meeting in our account, wheather there may not Some usefull alterations made in holding the Quarterly meeting.

The matter refared from last Quarter Respecting a Testemony Concerning our Deceased friend Joseph Mitchel, Coming again under the notice of this meeting, and Said Testemony being again read and weightily Considered, do feelingly unite with Rhode Island monthly meeting therein and our Representatives to be appointed are Desired to lay the Same before the Yearly meeting with the Indorsement made on Said Testemony by this meeting.

Thomas Hazard our present Treasurer haveing informed this meeting yesterday that he was about to Remove from this Quarterly meeting, and the Nomination of a Succesor being left to the Representatives they propose David Anthony of Providence, which is approved by this meeting and he is appointed accordingly for the year ensuing.

Providence monthly meeting presented an account of Seven pounds for expenses of horskeeping &c ~~at~~ for last Quarterly meeting, which is allowed and our Treasurer is Directed to pay the Same according.

The friends appointed yesterday to prepare a Concurring Certificate in behalf of our friend Daniel Aldrich presented one which after a little alteration is adopted & the Clerk is Directed to sighn the same in behalf of this meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield upper Meeting House for Rhode Island the 9th of the 7th Mo. 1789

By Accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are

for Rhode Island Jonathan Green Benjam Freeborn Obadiah William
Greenwich Elisha Haris John Langford James Congdon
Smithfield Seth Kelly Rufus Smith Joseph Comstock
Daniel Allen
S. Kingstown Joseph Collins Andrew Nichols Thomas Hazard Son of Benjn
Uxbridge Daniel Aldridge Antapas Earl Samuel Fowler
Providence Elisha Thurber Benjamin Smith John Holden.

Who being called were all present.

Our Esteemed friend John Simson attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Wrights town in Bucks County Pensylvania the 20th of the 5th Mo. 1789 expressive of their unity with him as a Minister and with his concern to visit friends in these parts with a concurring endorsement on said Certificate from a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Buckingham in Bucks County Pennsylvania the 28th of the 5 Mo. 1789 which were read in this Meeting to good Satisfaction.

The Accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings were read in this South Kingstown inform that they had sent up two pounds to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer towards Supplying said Meeting Stock.

The Queries with answers thereto from all the Monthly Meetings were read in this.

The Committee appointed to transcribe a fair Copy of the first proceedings of this Meeting, as refered from last Quarter; Report, that they have accomplished that Service.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting was read at this time to good Satiſfaction as also the several Extracts which are as follows —

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at New-port on Rhode Island for New England by Adjournments from the 11th of 6 Mo. to the 16 of the same inclusive 1789 To the Quarterly Meetings thereto belonging

Dear Friends We have duly received your several communications, and attended to the state of Society as exhibited by your anſwers to the Queries and with a solicitous concern for your advancement proceed to offer a few remarks to which we desire your attention

The formation of Religious Society being principly designed firstly to bear a Publick Testimony for God and his Truth in such manner as we are convinced of the same secondly to be mutually helpful in the promoting one another in an holy conſiſtant walking. The deficiencies manifeſted by your answers in theſe particulars hath been afflicting to our minds especially respecting the unprecedented manner in which you have transmitted an account of the attendance of your Meetings. That friends in this day of light wherein we have liberty to attend to our respective religious Concerns unmoleſted, ſhould be so inattentive to a principle upon which the being of us as a People apears to have eſsentially commenced at a time when faithfulneſs to its dictates was attened with suffering unto Death manifest a declention which as as it confers reproach upon the individuals who are the objects of complaint so it calls aloud for the interposition of Society to put a stop to a conduct which if persisted in will

terminate

-nate in its diſsolution.— Oh Friends, that a People whose Ancestors accounted nothing near or dear when it came in competicion with their Religious testimonies and who profeſs themselves bound by divine conviction faithfully to maintain the the same should so flagrantly swerve aside from the line of their duty trampleing upon the sufferings of those who had gone before them cannot but be offensive to that God who hath so signally manifested for their help.—

The administration of Society Labour being a matter of much cosequence and perceiving that esential service of the Church is not always seasonably administred.— we are concerned to advise the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings to take due care in this respect not suffering diviations to remain unnotified untill they become offences which demand the attention of Overseers but that Friends be careful to guard against every appearance of Evil timely cautioning the inexperienced and unwary and encourageing all in a conduct conformable to our holy profeſsion to which purpose we desire that suitable friends may be appointed or reappointed in the several monthly Meetings as way may open to exercise a godly care on behalf of Society in these respects agreeable to Dicipline.—

We also further desire that as we above all the Families of the Earth profeſs to believe in, and frequently exhort to an inward retirement in order to be acquainted with the divine will that we be careful to be found in the practice of the same, not only when aſsembled in our publick collective capacities but when at home in our families.—

The right education of our Youth

being a subject of concernment to this Meeting and feeling desirous that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we tenderly advise that Parents and those to whose care the education of Youth is commited be vigilent and careful in the discharge of a trust so important. "train up a Child" says the wise man "in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" a great means of the present defection in the Youth of our Religious Society we believe is the want of an early care being extended towards them we therefore fervently exhort that early endeavours be extended to educate our Children in an orderly becoming manner; teaching them obedience to their Parents and a respectful demeanor when before their Elders and Superiors which would have a tendancy to innitiate them into that stillness and reverent attention in the attendance of our Religious Meetings which our Principles inculcates as that which the nature of divine worship requires. And we recommend that the advice contained in our Books of Dicipline under the heads Children and Parents and Guardians be read in each Monthly and preparative Meeting and it is tenderly advised that Friend be renewedly engaged to labour after the necessary qualification to discharge the duties therein recommended

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting by Wm Rotch Junr Clerk

N.B. This Meeting having to the Meeting this Year concluded to raise fifty pounds Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is requested to forward to our Treasurer twenty one pounds seven Shillings and seven pence their proportion thereof

Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th day of 6th Mo. to the 16th of the same inclusive 1789

The Committee on general serviceses having considered the matter proposed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reported it was their judgment that it be recommended to them to reconsider that matter and if they hereafter be of the mind that some alteration should be necessary that they propose to our next Yearly Meeting such alterations as to them may appear best which is approved by this Meeting

Said Committee having also reported that it was their judgment that Dartmouth and Accoaxet Monthly Meetings be set off and remain to Sandwich Quarter and that Swanzey MM. Meeting remain to Rhode Island Quarter this Meeting approves thereof and directs that the said Quarterly Meetings be held in future at the places and at the times fixed upon for last year

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is desired to provide pasturing for friends horses for next Yearly Meeting & present their account to our treasurer who is directed to pay the same.

It is the advice of this Meeting that when Committees make verbal report to any of our Meetings that they all stand up that be present at the time of delivering the same thereby to manifest their assent.

Copy examined Wm Rotch Junr Clerk

And Chad Smith Wm Buffum Wm Almy Jonathan Congdon Jonathan Dennis Daniel Anthony Daniel Howland junr Thomas Arnold Richard [illegible]ny Benjn Freeborn & Daniel Green are appointed a Committee to transcribe sd Epistle and Extracts

-tracts that each Monthly Meeting may have ~~and~~ a coppy and also to consider the answers to the Queries from the Several Monthly Meetings and and make an essay of Communication as to them may appear necessary if any and also to Extract such parts of the foreign Epistles as may appear useful to the monthly Meetings.——

This Meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour to-morrow

10th Day met by adjournment the Representatives being called are all present.

The appointment of a Clerk to this Meeting having been refered from last Quarter and coming again under the of the Representatives they report Benjamin Freeborn for that that service which meeting the approbation of this Meeting he is appointee accordingly for the year ensuing.

The Comtt continued at last Quarter to settle accounts with the former Treasurer of this meeting inform that they have paid attention to that matter but that it was not fully accomplished said matter is again refered to next Quarter under their care.

The Representatives appointed at last Quarter to attend the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended except Georg Comstock who gave a sattisfactory reason for his non attendance

Greenwhich Monthly Meeting ~~sent up an~~ accoun of 3:12 for hay for last Quarterly Meeting which is allowed and this Meetings treasurer is directed to pay the same

South Kingstown in their account inform that their old Meeting House at South Kingstown was in such a decayed Condition that is not reputable to meet in and desire the consideration and assistance of this Meeting therein, whereupon we appoint Samuel Hill Jonathan Green David Steer

Robert Dennis Paul Green and Benedict Arnold a committee to give s.d Monthly Meeting such advice in repairing the sam or building a new one as to them may appear best, and said Meeting is desired to proceed therein accordingly, and the committee are desired to eſtimate the cost thereof and report to next Quarter.——

The apportioning of the money for the Yearly Meeting Stock coming under consideration of this Meeting it is concluded to refer that matter to next Quarter.——

The matter of making some alteration in the holding of this Quarterly Meeting having been returned from the Yearly Meeting for further consideration this Meeting appoints George Comstock Daniel Anthony Jacob Mott Sylvester Wicks Daniel Aldridge Elisha Steer and Amos Collins, to take that matter into consideration and report their sense and judgment of what alterations may be best to make if any in the times or places of holding said Quarterly Meeting and report to next Quarter.—

The transcript of the written Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London for last year was received and read in this Meeting to sattisfaction

The Committee appointed yeasterday to make out transcripts of the Epistle and Extracts of our last Yearly Meeting and prepare an eſsay of communication to the several Monthly meetings presented them, and s.d communication being read and approved was by direction of the Meeting signed by the Clerk.——

Epistles from the last Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Westbury were received and read in this Meeting Satisfaction.—

An endorsment on our Friend John Simson's Certificate expreſsive of our Sattisfaction with his conduct and Gospel labours among us was signed by the Clerk.——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 8th of 10th Mo. 1789

The Accounts being presented from the Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island	Job Chaloner Edward Sisson Robert Dennis
Greenwhich	Sylvester Wickes William Spencer Simeon Arnold
Smithfield	Seth Shelly Benidick Remington Chad Smith
for Swanzey	Jonathan Chase 2nd John Chase Zaccheous Hathaway
S. Kingstown	Andrew Nichols Wm Knoles Wm Peckham Joseph Colins junr
Uxbridge	Marmaduke Earl Jonathan Wheeler ~~Wm~~ Basset
Providence	Caleb Green Moses Davis Aza Arnold

Who being called are all present.

Accounts and Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging were received and read in this.

The Committee continued at last Quarter to settle accounts with the former Treasurer of this Meeting reported that that matter is accomplished.

The Committee appointed at last Quarter on the matter brought up from South Kingstown respecting their old Meeting house made the following report Viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island to be held a Portsmouth in the 10th Month 1789.

We of your Committee have agreable to our appointment examined the old meeting house in South Kingstown and conferred with a committee of that Monthly Meeting and did conclude and advise to repare said house in the following manner (that is to say) to pull down the little part; and new shingle the roof and sides of the other, and also to shorten the Posts and new Sill Seat and window and floor it, and also advised that a Partition be made in the lower part, taking of fifteen feet of the north end, and make it comfortable for the winter Season &c by plastering and building a fire plac and Chimney therein, and the expence of the whole we Estimate at one hundred pounds

South Kingstown
8th Mo. 29th 1789

Robert Dennis
Samuel Hill
Paul Green
David Steer
Jonathan Green

Which is accepted and said Mo. Meeting is desired to proceed therein according to said report, and continue their subscriptions in order to effect the same, and also to draw on this meetings treasurer for the thirty pounds heretofore granted them for that purpose: which which the treasurer is directed to pay; and if he has it not in Stock, he is directed to hire it on this meetings behalf.

The Committee appointed at last Quarter to Consider of altering the times and places of holding this Quarter, informed they were not ready to report; it is therefore continued under their care till next Quarter, and Jonathan Chace is aded to them.——

A Teſtimony from the Mo. Meeting of Smithfield concerning Susannah Comstock, with her dying Sayings, were received and read in this Meeting, and the farther disposal thereof is referd to next Quarter.——

By accounts from several of the Mo. Meetings we are informed that our Esteemed friend Zachariah Faris from Wilmington had attended most of the Monthly & particular Meetings belonging to this since the Yearly Meeting and that his conduct and Gospel labours had been acceptable and edifying and also that Robert Johson had attended the aforesaid Meeting as Companion to the above mentioned friend and that his company and services had been acceptable to them.
And this meeting being desirous that their friends at home should be acquainted therewith directs the Clerk to send them a copy of this minute

A complaint from the Monthly Meeting of Salem against the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield for not proceeding to a settlement of a matter in dispute between them respecting Agness Richards was laid before this meeting whereupon this meeting apoints William Spencer Joseph Collins George Shove Amos Collins Andrew Nichols John Green and John Chace to enquire into the grounds of s.d complaint and report their sense and judgment of what is necessary to be done in said matter to next Quarter.—

The appotioning the money for the Yearly Meeting Stock coming again under consideration it is agreed that it be raised in the same proportions that it was last year which proportions the Clerk is directed to furnish the Mo. meetings with and Jonathan Dennis is appointed to assist him therein.—

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 7th of the 1st Mo 1790

The Accounts being presented from the monthly Meetings hereto belonging the representatives therein named are

for

Rhode Island	Robert Dennis Edward Sisson Joseph Cundal
Greenwhich	William Spencer Sylvester Wickes & Daniel Howland junr
Smithfield	Benadick [illegible]ngton George Arnold & William Buffum
Swanzey	Daniel Brayton Benjn Slade & Edward Shove
South Kingstown	Joseph Collins John Congdon William Peckham
Uxbridge	Israel Sabin Asa Smith Josiah Shove
Providence	Benjamin Arnold David Steer Timothy Greene

who being called are all present.—

Our Esteemed friend Isaac Everitt attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Monallen held at Huntington in York County Pensylvania the 11th of 5th Month 1789 expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his concern to pay a Religious Visit to friends in the Eastern parts of this Continent with a concuring endorsment thereon from the Quarterly Meeting of Warington held at Pipe Creek Maryland the 1st day of the 6th Mo 1789

The accounts with answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings were received and read in this and some judicious remarks were made on the dificiencies therein mentioned.—

The Comittee continued at last Quarter to consider of some alterations in holding of this Quarterly Meeting reported as follows Viz. To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Providence your Committee to consider of some alterations in holding the Quarterly Meeting having met and deliverately considered upon the Subject are unanimously of opinion that if the Meeting which is now settled at Smithfield upper Meeting house in the 7th Mo. bee removed to Portsmouth and there held in the 8th month at the same time it is now held in the 7th Mo. and that now settled at Portsmouth in the 10th Month be held at Smithfield upper Meeting house at the same time it now stands appointed at Portsmouth it would be an advantageous alteration, —

Amos Collins
Sylvester Wickes
Jonathan Chace 2nd
Sarah Hoxsie
Elisabeth Chase

Jacob Mott
Daniel Aldridge
Daniel Anthony
George Comstock
Elisha Steer

Which with the concurrence of womens [illegible] is accepted and the alterations therein proposed are directed to be sent up to our next Yearly Meeting as this Meetings request for one year on trial.—

South Kingstown in their Account inform that a person had requested to be taken under the care of Friends that was in the improvement of Confiscated property and desire the advice of this Meeting with respect to the propriety of receiving such to membership, whereupon we appoint Jacob Mott George Arnold George Comstock Augustus Lapham Richard Mowry Isaac Lawton a committee to take that matter into consideration and report their sence thereon to the adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow

8th day met according to according to adjournment Representatives all present

The printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London last year was received and read in this Meeting to our edification and Comfort.—

Greenwhich in their account inform that they have concured with their womens Meeting in appointing Freelove Haris to the Station of an Elder and the Womens Quarterly Meeting inform that they approve thereof and this Meeting having Solidly considered thereon do also concur with them in approving the same and George Comstock is appointed to acquaint the select Meeting therewith.—

The testimony and dying Sayings of Susannah Comstock coming again under consideration of this Meeting it is concluded that it be commited to the care of a committee for further inspection whereupon we appoint Jacob Mott John Holden Caleb Green Daniel Howland jur. Daniel Aldridge and Levi Hunt to further inspect the same and report their sense thereon to next Quarter.—

The Committee appointed at last Quarter upon the complaint from Salem made the following report Viz We your Committee upon the complaint from Salem have considered thereon and as Agness Richards the poor friend therein mentioned came from Rhode Island it is our judgment it will be best for Smithfield and Rhode Island Monthly Meetings to appoint committees to unite with Salem Mo Meeting in having the same settled either by Arbitration or otherwise as they may find best —

Providence ye 8th of the 1st month 1790

John Chace   Joseph Collins
Amos Collins   Wm Spencer
John Green   Andrew Nichols
George Shove

Which is accepted and said Meetings are desired to attend to that matter in order that the same may be effected as soon as may be and the Clerk is directed to furnish the three said Monthly Meetings with a Copy of this minute.——

The Committee appointed yeasterday upon the matter brought up from South Kingstown made the following report viz. The committee apointed to take into consideration the case sent up from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting have met and considered the same, but we we are not able to obtain sufficient evidence in regard to the particular situation of the Estate occupied by the person requesting the care of friends, to report a Judgment whither it would be adviseable and consistant with our Religious testimony for a Member to occupy or lease sd Estate; But we are of opinion said Monthly Meeting may be left at Liberty to accept said request, if they are well satisfied of the state of mind and disposition of the Person requesting to acquiece in what may be the advice of friends in regard to that matter in particular in future, Signed by Jacob Mott in behalf of
1st Mo. 7th 1790   the Committee

Which is accepted and sd Monthly Meeting is left at liberty to proceed therein accordingly and the Clerk is directed to furnish said Meeting with a Copy of this Minute.——

South Kingstown in their account inform that they have collected one pound and four pence in part of their proportion of the Yearly Meetings Stock and sent it to said Meetings treasurer.——

Providence in their account inform that they have directed their treasurer to pay to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer their proportion of ~~said~~ the Meetings stoc

It is concluded that the sum of forty pounds be raised to suply this Meetings treasury and the Clerk is directed to apportion the same to each ~~Mo~~ Mo Met.ng in the sam proportion of the Yearly Meetings stock and send them an account thereof and Samuel Thurston is desired to assist him therein. —

Greenwhich in their account in the 10th Mo last sent up on account of three pounds eighteen Shillings which is allowed and the treasur-er is directed to pay the same, And this Meeting taking into serious consideration the liberty lately allowed in bringing up to this Meeting accounts of the expences attending the accompanying of Publick friends on their religious visits, which in the few instances it has been taken having generally given uneasiness : and brought a burthe upon the Meeting, it is now concluded as the sens of this Meeting after solid Consideration that no more accounts of expences for such services be brought to the Quarterly Meeting. ——

Smithfield in their Account in the 10th Mo last sent up an account of three pounds ten shillings and four pence for hors keeping at the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th Mo last which is allowed and the treasurer is directed to pay the same. —

The Company and services of our esteemed frien Isaac Everitt having been much to the satis-faction of this Meeting the granting him a Certificate is prefered to next Quarter. ——

The Clk reported that he had sent each Mo Meet.t an acc.t of their pro-portion of the Yearly Meet.t Stock which is as follows viz
Rhode Island 4-16-0 Greenwhich 2-10-9 Swanzey 2-17-0 Smithfield 2-8-9 S. Kingstown 2-4-9 Uxbridge 3-7-8 Providence 0-9-4

Daniel Howland and John Holden are apointed to receive the Books and papers belonging to this meeting in the hands of the former Clerk and destroy such as apear to be useless and deliver the remainder to the present Clerk ———

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at East-Greenwhich for Rhode Island the 8th of the 4th mo 1790

The Accounts being presented the representatives therein named are

for

Rhode Island	Samson Sherman Jacob Mott Job Chaloner
Greenwhich	Sylvester Wicks John Langford and Paul Green
Swansey	Adonijah Upton John Chace
Smithfield	Ananias Mowry Benjn Pearce and George Comstock
So Kingstown	George Hazard Andrew Nichols and William Knowles
Uxbridge	Daniel Aldridge Asa Smith David Green & Richard Mowry
Providence	Thomas Arnold John Holden and Elisha Brown junr

Who being are all present except George Hazard Richard Mowry and Asa Smith who sent satisfactory reasons for their absence

Our friend Job Scott having performed his religious Visit in the Southern States returned his Certificate to this Meeting with endorsments thereon from the Yearly Meeting held at Wyanoak in Charles City County Virginia by adjournments from the 18th to the 25th of 5 mo 1789.

and one from the Yearly Meeting held at Centre in Guilford County North Carolina for North & South Carolina & Georgia from the 26th to the 29th of the 10th Mo 1789 also one from the Quarterly of Fairfax held the 14th of the 12th Mo 1789 with a Certificate from the Quarterly Meeting of great contentnay in North Carolina the 20th of the 7th Mo 1789 And one from the Quarterly Meeting held at Piny Woods in Perquimons County North Carolina the 29th of the 8th Mo 1789 All expressive of their approbation and Satisfaction with his conduct and Gospel Labours amongst them, which were read in this Meeting to Satisfaction But as they have not been laid before the Mo Meeting of Providence from ~~whence~~ whence our sd friend receivd his Certificat they are directed to be returned to him for that purpose

Accounts from all the Mo Meetings ~~were~~ hereto belonging were received and read in this Meiting

The granting a Certificate to our friend Isaac Everitt refered from last Quarter coming again before this Meeting Joseph Congdon and George Comstock are appointed to prepare one and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting

S. Kingstown in their account inform that they with the concurance of their Womens Meeting had appointed Simeon Perry Peter Hoxsy and Robert Knowles son of

John to the station of Elders, which are refered to next Quarter for consideration

Rhode Island in their Account inform that they had concurred with ~~the~~ ~~Concurrence~~ of their womens Meeting in appointing Ruth Shearman to the Station of an Elder which on being weightily considered is approved by this and the womens Quarterly Meeting and Jacob Mott is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof

Sylvester Wickes, Thomas Arnold, Daniel Howland, Jonathan Dennis, Job Chaloner, Obadiah Williams, and Smith Brown, are appointed to cosider the Answers to the Queries, and make out general answers, and an Account to the Yearly Meeting also an Essay of Communication to the several Mo. Meetings, if way opens and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow

9th day Met according to adjournment, the Representatives all present that attended Yeasterday.

By the accounts from the Mo. Meetings it appears that the money for the Yearly Meeting Stock is all raised and sent to sd meetings Treasurer

The Committee appointed to prepare general answers and an acount to the Yearly Meeting presented them, which with the answers from the Mo. Meetings were read in this and some pertinent remarks made on the deficiencies therein mentioned, and said general Answers and Account being approved were signed by the Clerk and are directed to be carried up to our next Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Isaac Lawton David Buffum Adonijah Upton Thomas Hazard & Sylvester Wickes.

The Committee appointed to receive the Books and Papers belonging to this Meeting in the hands of the former Clerk and deliver such as apear useful to the present not having accomplished that service they are desired to fulfil the same and report to next Quarter.

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate on behalf of our friend Isaac Everitt presented one which being read and approved was signed by the Clerk and Moses Brown is desired to have the care of forwarding the same.

The Committee appointed upon the Testimony and Dying Sayings of Susannah Comstock reports, that having read and considered the same, do approve thereof, and submit the disposal of it to the Quarterly Meeting and this Meeting upon consideration thereon, directs the same to be sent up to our next Yearly Meeting

Our friend Daniel Aldridge returned the Certificate granted by this Meeting concurring with a Certificate granted by Uxbridge Monthly Meeting for him to proceed as Companion to our friend Job Scott on his Religious Visit lately performed to friends in the Southern States which concurring Certificate was granted after his proceeding on s,d journey and never reached him untill he returned from accompanying our said friend being prevented from proceeding farther than the hither part of Virginia with him by reason of Sickness.

The time for which the treasurer of this Meeting was appointed being expired the Representatives propose David Anthony for that service which is approved and he is appointed to that place accordingly for the year ensuing and John Holden and Ezra Arnold are appointed to settle said treasurers accounts and report to next Quarter

The Clerk reported that he had sent each Monthly Meeting an account of their proportion of the Quarterly Meetings Stock which is as follows viz Rhode Island 8-19-9
Greenwich 4-15-0 Smithfield 4-11-0
Swanzey 5-6-1 Sth Kingstown 4-2-10
Uxbridge 6-6-9 Providence 5-18-9

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 12 of the 8th Mo 1790

The Accounts being presented the Representatives therein Named are,

Rhode Island Joseph Rundal Job Chaloner & Samuel Thurston
Greenwich Sylvester Wickes & Paul Green
For Smithfield George Comstock David Mowry & Zaccheus Southwick
Swanzey Geore Shove Nathan Chace & Benjn Slead
St Kingstown Joseph Collins Andrew Nicols & John Foster
Uxbridge Asa Smith Royal Southwick & James Smith

Providence Levi Hunt Augustus Lapham and Aza Arnold

Whe being Called are all preſent except Paul Green for whose abſenc a satisfactory reason was given

Accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging were received and read in this and some holsome Counsel and advice given on the Sorrowfully affecting accoun of dificiencies thereby Exhibited

Our friend Hugh Judg attended this meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Wilmington on Delaware dated the 13th of the 1st Mo 1790 expreſsive of their unity with him as a Miniſter and with his Concer to perform a Religious Visit to friends in these parts

Alſo our friend Benjamin Sweat attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Hadonfield in New Jersey dated the 10th of the 5th Month 1790 Expreſsive of their unity with him as a Miniſter and with his Concern to perform a Religious Visit to friends in these parts with concurring endorsments thereon fro their respective Quarterly Meetings

Likewiſe our friend James Mott attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate fro the Purchace Monthly Meeting held at Mamanorroneck the 10th of the 6th Mo 1790 Expreſsive of their Unity with him as an Elder and with his accompanying our friend Hugh Judg in his Religous

Visit to friends in these parts which were read in this Meeting to Sattisfaction

The following Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were received and in this Viz

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting having desired some alteration in the time and places of holding two of their Meetings, it was considered and agreable to their request it is concluded that for one year the Meeting which has usually been held at Smithfield upper Meeting House in the 9th Mo be held at Portsmouth the fifth day be-fore the second Sixth day in the 8th Mo and that held at Portsmouth in the 10th Mo be held at the same time at said Smithfield.

And it is concluded that their next meeting be held agreable to the above conclution, and the Clerk is directed to forward to that Quarterly Meeting and to each Mo Meeting a copy of this minute for their Government

Copy Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Rhode Island 6th Mo 1790

Wm Rotch Junr Clerk

It is concluded that Certificates granted by Monthly meetings to ministering Friends whose concern may extend out of the limits of our yearly Meeting may best be Signed at large in the Monthly Meeting by Friends in their freedom both Men and Women.

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island 6th Mo 1790

By Wm Rotch Junr Clk
to the Meeting this Year

David Mowry Thomas Howland Isaac Chace Job Sherman David Williams Joseph Anthony Cha Smith Benjamin Mott Jonathan Dennis Obadiah Brown are appointed to transcribe the Epistles and Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting and also those from from the Neighbouring Yearly Meetings that each Monthly Meeting may have one and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting.

Thomas Arnold Sylvester Wicks and Job Scott are appointed to prepare Certificates for our friends from abroad and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting. —

The Clerk informed that the time for which he was appointed was expired whereupon the Representatives are desired to confer with some suitable person for that service and propose to the adjournment of this meetin

This Meeting adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow

13th day met by adjournment the Representatives all present that attended yesterday

The Womens Meeting inform that South Kingstown Monthly Meeting had appointed Sarah Wilbour to the place of an Elder, and sent the same to this Meeting for approbation and that they had concurred therewith and this Meeting upon solidly considering said appointment do also approve thereof. —

The appointment of Simeon Perry to the place of an Elder, referred from last Quarter coming before this meeting and upon solid consideration thereon it is concluded that that it be again refered it is accordingly refered to next Quarter for farther consideration.

The appointment of Peter Hoxsey & Robert Knowles son of John the place of Elders being also considered they with the concurance of the womens Meeting are approved and Elisha Thornton is appointed to inform the Select Meeting of the above appointments.

Uxbridge in their account inform that they with the concurrance of their womens Meeting had approved of the publick appearance of Israel Sabin in the Ministry which upon being weightily considered is also approved by this Meeting and Elisha Thornton is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the same.

The committee appointed to prepare certificates for our friends Hugh Judg Benjn Sweat and James Mott presented them which being read and approved were Signed by the Clerk.

One of the committee appointed to receive the Books and papers in the hands of the former Clerk and deliver to the present reports that he had seperated such as did not appear to be useful and sent the remainder to the present Clerk

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer of this Meetings accounts report that they find the Sum of 3:17

in his hands and that there is due from the Monthly Meetings as follows viz Rhode Island £8-19-9 Greenwich £4-15 · Smithfield £4-11 · Swanzey £3-19-6 S° Kingstown £3-5-6 Uxbridge £3-8-11. which is accepted.—

The Committee appointed to transcribe the Epistles &c presented Copies of such as have come to hand and inform that the Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting and the transcript of that from London were not to be found, whereupon the Clerk is directed to procure them and send Copies thereof to each Mo. Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Greenwich in their Account inform that they had forwarded to our Treasurer £4-5s their proportion of this Meetings Stock.—

S° Kingstown also informed that they had collected £2-8 6d towards their proportion of this Meetings Stock.—

South Kingstown in their account inform that their old Meeting House at that place was burnt down and they apprehending it necessary that another be built there, desire the advice and assistance of this Meeting therein, which being weightily considered is concluded that they be left at liberty to build such a one as they may think proper and they of ability to do with the lots heretofore granted them to repair the former house and the several Mo. Meetings are desired to subscribe in their freedom towards the same—

Transcripts of Epistles from the last Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Long Island were received and read in this Meeting to satisfaction and copies thereof are directed to be sent to each of our Monthly Meetings

It is the conclusion of this Meeting that a committee be appointed to settle the dividing line between the several Mo Meetings in this Quarter and our friends Wm Buffum Augustus Lapham Sylvester Wickes Thomas Arnold James Smith Amos Collins Samuel Thurston and Nathan Chace are appointed for that purpose and to report to next Quarter

The Representatives propose the Reappointment of Benjamin Freeborn Clerk to this Meeting which is approved and he is appointed to that place accordingly for the year ensuing—

The sum of £12-16-6 being apportioned to this Quarter by the Yearly Meeting for said Meetings Stock, the Representatives have agreed on the following proportions for each Mo Meeting Viz Rhode Island £2-18-0
Greenwhich 1-11-0 Smithfield - 1-10-0
Swanzey - 1-8-0 St Kingstown 1-7-0
Uxbridge 2-1-6 Providence - 2-1-0
which the Clk is directed to forward to sd Meetings

It Appearing by the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings that there are divers Deficiencies in each, which having taken the weighty attention of this Meeting and after Solid Consideration it appears best to recommend by way of Minute to each Monthly Meeting a renewed Care and Labour for the removal of those things which appear to be out of the line of Truth and Evidently contrary to our Discipline and that an harmonious Labour be entered into in each Monthly Meeting for

The increas of that Love which as it is abode in will draw all our Members to a Diligent and faithful attendance of all our Religious Meetings, and where any meetings have become so weak as not to be kept up to the honour of Truth and our Holy Profession the Monthly Meetings be renewedly engaged to seek after a right Judgment whether such meeting or Meetings had best be discontinued or united to Neighbouring Meetings and Rhode Island, South Kingstown and Swanzey Monthly Meetings are particularly desired to take under consideration the State of Tiverton Westerly & [illegible] Meetings, and Act therein for their Revival or Discontinuance as truth may enable or in case the farther advice of this Meeting should be thô Necessary they seasonably apply for the same, and the Clerk is directed to transmit Copies of this minute to each Monthly Meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 7th of the 10th Mo 1790

The Accounts being presented the Representatives therein named are
for Rhode Island Benjamin Mott Samuel Thurston and Edward Sisson
Greenwich Sylvester Wickes and Daniel Howland junr
Smithfield David Buffum Rufus Smith and Walter Allen
Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton Benjamin Slead and Benjamin Buffinton Son of Moses
Sl Kingstown Amos Collins William Knowles and Peter Hoxsie
Uxbridge Jasaniah Barrett Richard Mowry
and

and Josiah Shove.
Providence Benjamin Smith Joseph Farnum and Henry Russel.
Who being called are all present.

The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting as also one from London dated in the 6th mo. 1789 were received and read at this time to good satisfaction and that from our Yearly Meeting is as follows

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport (for New England) from the 11th day of the 6th Mo. to the 15th of the same inclusive 1790

To the Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging

Dear Friends

We have again been favoured through the kindness of divine Providence to meet together in this our annual Assembly and upon receiving a Representation of the State of Society, as exhibited by your Accounts and Answers to the Queries which came duly to hand, have been led into a close and solid consideration thereof; and under a sense of the prevalence of Weakness and Inattention so conspicuously apparent, many Minds have been deeply affected.

It is in vain, Friends, for any to suppose that a Profession in the Belief of even the divine and saving Truth without living under its Influence and being subject to its Government will enable them to conduct with consistency or entitle them to divine Acceptance.

It is in vain for any to suppose that God will be mocked, that he will vouchsafe the

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Revelation of his Mind and Will concerning them, and not look down with Indifference upon their Supineness, in the Discharge of their Religious and relative Duties.

The Neglect of Many in the due Attendance of Meetings for Divine Worship, and the want of a proper Sense of the Reverence & Solemnity which ought to accompany the Mind in the performance of a Duty so important in some that do attend, Instances of their irreverent, and indecent Habit of sleeping when thus assembled, among other Particulars have been Subjects of concernment to this Meeting. It is therefore earnestly recommended that faithful Friends in their respective Meetings endeavour to lend a helping hand to these and discharge themselves faithfully for their recovery, both Individuals and Representatives of Society.

The right Education of our Youth, hath also again closely claimed the Attention of this Meeting, an under an Apprehension of a great Remissness in some to whose care this extensive and importan trust is committed we feel our Minds engaged fervently to exhort, that such whether Parents or othe deeply consider the importance of the Subject, and its interesting concernment to all, and labour with unremitting Diligence, for suitable Qualifications to discharge their Duty to the Benefit of the Youth and their own Acquittance and Justification when solemn Inquisition shall be ma and we greatly desire, that Quarterly & Month ly Meetings may have a watchful care over their Members in this Respect and if there are any who are unable to give their Children su School Learning as may be necessary to fit them for business, that they be liberal in their endeavours to have the same suitably effected at the expence of Society.)

The situation of the poor distressed Africans who continue to be the unhappy subjects of a barbarous Commerce, prosecuted by cruel and avaricious Men, have been renewedly the objects of our deep feel Sympathy and concern and engaged us to recommend that Friends continue their Attention to this Subject in such manner as may be most likely to put a Period to their sufferings, and thereby remove the Guilt of this complicated Iniquity from the Land; not letting the Exertions of others (tho' it is cause of thankfulness that there are advocates raised up of other Denominations to plead their cause) prove any relaxation to ours but rather animate and encourage to persevere and avail Ourselves of every Opportunity as way may open, to promote the relief of this deeply afflicted Part of the human Race, whose Sufferings we firmly believe are noticed, and whose cries have entered into the Ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

The inexplicit manner in which some of the Queries are answered hath also been noticed, and Quarterly, and Monthly Meetings are desired to be more careful in this Respect, and that Endeavours be used that the state of every Description of Friends be contained in the Answers, and when the Query is composed of divers Particulars that a Regard to each be particularly observed and in Cases of Deficiencies that the part in which the Deficiency is be explicitly mentioned.

And dear Friends as Truth is profitable to direct in all things we beseech you earnestly labour to be circumscribed within limits of its Testimony even in your temporal concerns; for there is no real safty but in following its Dictates, and in going only as it leadeth for want of due attention to this divine Principle many have stepped aside and continuing destitute of this best of Direction have brought Embarassment upon themselves and Disreputation upon our Society. In particular. we exhort those who are concernd in commerce, to be upright in their Entries, and punctual in the payment of Duties, that so the pernicious Consequences attendant on an illicit conduct, may not be charged upon us as a People but ~~that~~ that our regard to Government in part evidenced by our Faithfulness in this respect, may be preserved inviolate.

The Subject of the yearly Meetings School coming under consideration, and feeling desires that the benevolent Object of its Institution in due time be happily experienced which at present for want of sufficient Funds is entirely suspended, recommend to such who feel their Minds disposed to contribute in freedom for this Purpose to afford their Assistance that the Labour and Concern heretofore bestowed upon this Object be not wholly lost for want of suitable aid by its failure, occasion Reproach to Society and thereby increas the burthen and exercise of many honestly disposed Friends amongst us.

Whilst this Subject occupies our Minds dear Friends we cannot omit mentioning a Concern that has spread amongst us, for the increas of domestick Education throughout our yearly Meeting, by Schools in the verge of Monthly Meetings and Neighbourhoods of Friends under the

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the Inspection of committees agreable to our Dicipline may experience a more liberal Promotion let us be incited to this necessary Care and Duty to our tender Offspring, not only by the relation we bare to them & and the Love we have for them but by the Example of other Societies. That we who make a high Profession may not seem negligent in inculcating useful Learning with a good Education as an Aid to Morallity & Virtue and which hath often been found to be a Guard to both.

Signed on behalf of our said Meeting

Wm Rotch Junr Clerk to the
Meeting this Year

The appointment of Simeon Perry to the place of an Elder coming again under consideration it is the sense of this Meeting that it be referred to a committee whereupon we appoint Jacob Mott Thomas Arnold Daniel Howland jun Moses Brown Rufus Smith & John Chase to take said appointment into solid consideration and report their sense and judgment of what is best to be done with the matter to the adjournment of this Meeting or the next Quarter as they shall find best.

Our Friend Mary Mitchel attended this Meeting and produced a Copy of a minute from the Mo Meeting of Nantucket dated the 29th of the 8th month 1790 expressive of her being a Minister and their concurrance with her concern to visit some of the Meetings of Friends in this Quarter which was [illegible] to satisfaction.

accounts with answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings were received and read in this.—

The Clerk informed that the Epistles that were missing at last Quarter came to hand too late to be transcribed for the Monthly Meetings we therefore appoint Silvester Hicks Zephaniah Barret Amos Coli Benjamin Mott Richard Moore Walter Allen Benjamin Stead & Henry Hulset to make out a sufficient number of Copies for each Monthly Meeting and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting.

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow

5th day met by adjournment
The Representatives all present except some on a Committee

The Committee appointed at last Quarter to settle the Lines between the Mo. Meetings made report which appears to be not fully to satisfaction it is therefore continued under their care to next Quarter

The Committee appointed yesterday in the case of Simeon Sams report that they think it safest to concur with the Monthly Meetings appointment which is accepted and sd appointment is with the approbation of Womens Meeting concurred with accordingly & George Comstock is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.—

Swanzey in their account inform that they had sent up their proportion of this Meetings stock to our treasurer

South Kingstown in their Account inform that they had sent up £1 2s 5d the remaining part of their proportion of this Meetings stock

Rhode Island Mo. Meeting having sent up an account of expences for sundry services done by sd Meeting but it appearing that this Meeting had concluded in the 1st Mo. last that no more accounts of that kind be brought up to this Meeting in future the Representatives from that Mo. Meeting are requested to return sd account to Rhode Island together with a Copy of this minute and of the aforesaid conclution of the 1st Mo. last which having never been sent down it is hoped will be a Satisfactory reason for returning sd account

The Committee appointed yeasterday to transcribe the Epistles for the several Mo. Meetings presented them which are directed to be forwarded to said Meetings by the Representatives who are requested to take Copies of such minutes as are Necessary for the Monthly Meetings to be acquainted with and also to inform them of the reason why the afforesaid transcripts were delayed till this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 13th of the 1st Mo. 1791

The Accounts from the several Mo. Meetings being presented - The Representatives therein named are

Rhode Island	Sampson Shearman Joseph Sisson & Edward Sisson
Greenwhich	Sylvester Wickes John Langford & Nathan Green
Smithfield	George Arnold David Mowry & Benjamin Pearce
Do. Swanzey	[illegible] Chace and Jonathan Chace the second
Kingstown	William Knowles John Foster and Joseph Collins
Uxbridge	Daniel Aldridge Thomas Watson & Asa Smith
Providence	Elisha Steer Smith Brown and Aza Arnold

All present

The Clerk not being present occasioned by the Circumstances of his Family as he informed this Meeting in writing William Almy is appointed Clerk for this time.

Our Friend Stephen Buffington attended this Meeting with a Copy of a minute from Acoaxet Mo. Meeting dated 18th of 12th Mo. 1790 certifying their Unity with him as a Minister and with his proceeding to perform a religious visit to Friends in this Quarter.

Also our Friend Hannah Barnard attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Creek Mo. Meeting in the Western ~~[illegible]~~ District of

District of Nine Partners held the 22nd of 10th mo 1790 signifying their unity with her as a Minister and her making a Religious visit to Friends in these parts. —

Also our Friend Elihu Bunker & Phebe Field with copies of minutes from the Mo Meeting aforsaid expressing that they were members in unity and that they approved their accompanying our Friend Hannah Barnard in her abovesaid visit which were read to Satisfaction.

The Queries and answers thereto from all the Mo Meetings except the 12th answer from Rhode Island which did not appear were read. —

Paul Green Rufus Smith of Glocester Elisha Steer Moses Buffington Richard Mowry Benedict Arnold Smith Brown Amos Collins and Joseph Sisson are appointed to take into consideration the first article in the account from Rhode Island Mo Meeting respecting an account exhibited by them at last Quarter and which was returned in conformity to a conclusion of this Meeting in the 5th Mo last year with the request of sd Meeting respecting making provision for such accounts in future and report their sense and judgment thereon to next Quarterly Meeting. —

The Committee appointed to settle the lines between the Monthly Meetings not having completed that matter it is again referred under their care and they desired to report to next Quarter. —

The foregoing Certificates for our Frien
Joshua Brown and Elizabeth Drinker is conti
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continue under the Care of the Committee appointed at last Quarter to prepare them and bring to next Quarterly Meeting.—

Swanzey Uxbridge and Providence Monthly Meetings inform they have sent and directed their Treasurer to pay their proportions of the Yearly Meetings Stock. and Smithfield their proportion of the Quarterly Meetings Stock.—

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 7th and 8th of the 4th Mo. 1791

The Accounts being presented the Representatives therein Named are

Rhode Island	Clarke Rodman Gould Mars and Obadiah Williams
Greenwich	Paul Green John Langford and Artimas Fish
Smithfield	Ananias Mowry Benjn. Pearce & George Comstock & William Buffum
Swanzey	Adonijah Upton Daniel Brayton & John Chace
St. Kingstown	Simeon Perry Joseph Collins and Robert Knowles.
Uxbridge	John Walker Elisha Arnold Joseph Basset and Jonathan Farnum
Providence	Ruben Blanchard Josiah Farnum and Joseph Randal

Who being called are all present except John Chace & Ananias Mowry & John Chace sent a Satisfactory reason for his absence—

Accounts with answers to the Queries from all monthly Meetings were received and read in this and Wm. Almy Wm. Buffum Elisha Arnold Sylvester Wickes Thomas Arnold Samuel Thurston Elisha Slee & Joseph Collins are appointed to prepare general Answers to the Queries and an Account to the Yearly Meeting and an Essay of communication to the several monthly Meetings if they shall find it Necessary and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting.

The womens Meeting inform that they have concured with the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich in the appointment of Anna Green to the Station of an Elder of which this Meeting also approves. — Wm. Buffum George Comstock Thomas Hazard Isaac Lawton Moses Brown Paul Green Adoniah Upton & Elisha Smith are appointed to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting as Representatives

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow 8th day met according to adjournment the Representatives all present that attended yeasterday except some on a Committee

Rhode Island Smithfield and South Kingston monthly Meetings in their accounts inform that they had sent or ordered to be paid to the yearly Meetings treasurer their proportions of said Meetings Stock

The Committee appointed at last Quarter to consider of the matter brought from Rhode
Island

Island report that it is their sense and Judgment that said Meeting be allowed twenty two pounds three Shillings and five pence in sd account which is accepted and the Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay the same. they also report it as their sense and Judgment that the further consideration and conclution respecting such accounts be carried up to the Yearly Meeting which after mature consideration thereon is concluded to be dismised and sd matter is dismised accordingly

The Committee continued at last Quarter to settle the Lines between the Mo. Meetings made report which is accepted and is as follows viz. We your Committee to settle the lines between the Several Monthly Meetings belonging to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting report thereon as follows.

That the line between South Kingstown and Greenwich begin at Bissels Mills, from thence to the highway that leads westward from the house where Robert Eldred formerly lived thence by sd highway to the cross highway by Nicholas Gardiners thence a straight line to the ten rods Rode so called opposite Boons house on black plain thence on said Rode to Connecticut Line thence a course due west to Connecticut River.

That the line between Greenwich and Providence meetings begin at the mouth of Pawtuxet River half a mile above the falls thence a straight line to a house in Cranston belonging to [illegible] in which the widow [illegible] lately lived that to belong to Providence thence to the Cross Rode leading from Six

hand

house towards the Baptist Meeting house in Johnston, untill it comes to the line between Johnston and Cranston then westward on said line dividing sd towns, untill it comes to Scituate, thence a due west course to Connecticut River.

That the line between Providence and Smithfield monthly Meetings run from a Sawmill in Glocester belonging to Richard Steere a straight line to the house where Joseph Bassett lately lived, thence to Elisha Mowrys house near [illegible] Daniels where he lately did live, thence to the great Road leading from Providence to Worcester at a Place twenty rods southward of John Manns thence to the house lately belonging to William [illegible], thence to [illegible] in Cumberland thence to [illegible] he to belong to Providence, thence to where the [illegible] is in Wrentham, and that a line due west from sd Sawmill to Connecticut River divide Providence and Uxbridge monthly Meetings through Connecticut;

That the line between Smithfield and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings begin at the east side of Boſton thence to Fairbanks Mill in Mendon thence to Mathew Darlings Dwelling house thence to the forks of the Road a little Easterly of Josiah Shoves house thence to Benjamin [illegible] where his sons [illegible] & Joshua now live, that house to belong to Uxbridge thence to Simons Mills thence up stream with the River to the Bridge near Eleazer Fellows, thence to Joseph [illegible] [illegible] thence to John Hunts Grismill thence to Ezra Wilcoxes barn thence to where Joseph Chace lives he to belong to Smithfield thence Westerly a little south of [illegible] continued to Connecticut line thence South with

Connecticut line to Providence Monthly meeting

That the line between Providence and Swanzey Monthly meetings begin at the mouth of Barrington River, thence to Josiah Hunts he to belong to Providence Monthly Meeting, thence to [illegible] the Innholder in Wrentham, and from thence Swanzey and Smithfield Meetings are divided by the Post Road to Boston untill it comes to Salem Quarter —

That the line Dividing Swanzey and Rhode Island Monthly meetings begin at the mouth of Fall River, and to continue up said River to Watuppa Ponds, thence to the Narrows between sd Ponds, thence by an East course untill it comes to Salem Quarter

James Smith
[illegible] Arnold
Thomas Collins

Wm Buffum
Saml Thurston
Sylvester Wickes

It is Nevertheless Concluded, that those friends who do or may live on the line and not expressed where they belong are to be at liberty to choose their own Meeting, and in case any person should hereafter incline to consult the conveniency in joining a different Monthly Meeting than these lines express, the monthly Meeting so applied to, being nearer to them than the other Meeting, accept such person if they think proper, but in case any doubt should arise in respect of the distance or convenience to such removing person, the two adjacent monthly meetings are to confer and conclude as may appear best, and so also in cases of Removal. —

and the Clerk is directed to send to each Mo. Meeting such part of sd Report as Concerns them individually by the recent Representatives who are desired to call on them for the same

The Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island in their account inform that they with the concurrence of their womens Meeting had approved of the Publick Minister & Josh Chaloner which being solidly considered is also approved by this and the womens Quarterly Meeting

Greenwich Mo. Meeting inform that they with the Concurrance of their Womens Meeting had appointed John [illegible] to the Station of an Elder which being weightily Considered is approved by this and the the womens Meeting

South Kingstown Mo. Meeting inform that they with the Concurrance of their Womens Meeting have appointed Thos Wilbor in to the Station of an Elder which being weightily Considered is approved by this and the Womens Quarterly Meeting and Moses Brown is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the foregoing appointments and Recommendation

The Committee continued at last Quarter to prepare Certificates for our Friends Joshua Brown and Elizabeth Drinker presented them except the direction which on account of their not knowing what Mo. Meeting they belong too [illegible] was omitted which were read and approved and Signed by the Clerk who is directed to insert that deficiency and send them to their respective Monthly Meetings

The womens Meeting presented a Certificate on behalf of our friend Hannah Barnard which being read was approved and Signed by the Clerk

The Committee appointed to prepare general answers and an Account to the Yearly Meeting presented them which were read and approved and ye account Signed by the Clerk and are directed to be carried to our Ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives

The Womens Meeting presented Certificates on behalf of our friends Amy Mitchell and Hannah Yerkes which were read approved and Signed by the Clerk —

The Mo. Meeting of Smithfield by their Representatives inform that they apprehend it Necessary that a New Meeting house be Built in the Verge of that Meeting and desire the advice of this Meeting therein whereupon Sylvester Wickes David Anthony Paul Green Jonathan Chace and Joseph Farnum are appointed to take ye matter into consideration and if it appears Necessary that one be built that they conclude on the place and dimensions and report to next Quarter

The treasurer of this Meeting informed that the time for which he was appointed was expired whereupon he is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing
and it appears by the Report of sd treasurer that there are several Sums due from this

this Meeting and not money in stock sufficient
to discharge them and it being now late in the
Meeting he is directed to hire the money on
behalf of this Meeting if called for and the
recommending Subscriptions for the same
is refered to next Quarterly Meeting

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